

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 08, 2016
MINUTES**

Mayor Ray Beck brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of November 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers, Derek Duran, Joe Bird, John Ponikvar and W. Kent Nielson. Councilmen Jarrod Ogden and Tony Bohrer were absent. Staff present were Interim City Manager/Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Chief of Police Walt Vanatta, and Deputy City Clerk Liz White.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve, as presented, the minutes from the October 25, 2016 and the November 3, 2016 special meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the October 2016 bills in the amount of \$760,423.88. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of a renewal of a 3.2% beer license for Kum & Go #902 located at 1302 W. Victory Way, a renewal of a 3.2% beer license for Kum & Go No.1903 located at 700 E. Victory Way and a renewal of a retail liquor store license for Elk Liquor, located at 1111 W. Victory Way #135. No cause shown for denial for all renewals. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Council reported on various items and events at this time. Councilman Ponikvar gave kudos to the Parks Department regarding the downtown street light project. Mayor Beck thanked the Road & Bridge department for closing down the 500 block of Yampa for Halloween and also the Police department for their participation with the children. He also informed council and staff about answers to the suggestion box questions.

At 6:44 p.m., Mayor Beck opened a public hearing on the proposed 2017 budget. There were no comments offered during this public hearing. The mayor then closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

After no further discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1057 (2016), an ordinance adopting the 2017 budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures, and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies, for the City of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January 2017 and ending the thirty-first day of December 2017. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Interim City Manager/Finance Director Nelson introduced Ordinance No. 1058 (2016), an ordinance amending section 13.16.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the wastewater rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of wastewater enterprise funds.

Mayor Beck introduced a letter addressed to DOLA requesting an extension for the Craig-Moffat County Broadband Study EIAF#9131 Grant. The reason for the extension is to allow more time for feedback and responses from the service providers for input into the plan. The extension time requested was March 31, 2017. After further discussion, Councilman Bird moved with a second from Councilman Duran to approve the letter of extension for the Craig-Moffat County Broadband Study EIAF#9131 Grant to the end of March 2017. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At this time, City Council reviewed the monthly report from the police department.

City Attorney Romney presented council with a copy of Local Marketing District Operating/Business Plan to review and possibly approve at the November 22, 2016 meeting. City Attorney Romney also discussed the Transit Plan that was given to council at the October 25, 2016 meeting. This will also be discussed at the November 22, 2016 meeting.

Citizen Ken Wergin gave an update on the Fortification Creek project.

Mayor Beck presented Citizen Ken Wergin with a certificate of appreciation for his countless volunteer contributions he has made to make the city of Craig helping make it a better place to live.

Citizen Shannon Moore from the Clarion Inn and Suites addressed council regarding the proposed wastewater rate increases.

Candice Chappelle from Northwest Center for Independence requested a report on the progress of repairs for sidewalk safety and accessibility.

There being no further business, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.