

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2011**

The first regular meeting of the Craig City Council, for the month of April, was brought to order by Mayor Don Jones at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Jones and Council members Byron Willems, Jennifer Riley, Ray Beck, Gene Bilodeau, and Terry Carwile. Councilman Joe Herod did not attend. City Staff present were City Manager Jim Ferree, City Attorney Kenny Wohl, Police Chief Walter Vanatta, Parks & Recreation Director Dave Pike, Public Works Director Bill Earley, Water/Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger, Finance Director Bruce Nelson, and City Clerk/Personnel Director Shirley Seely.

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

Mayor Jones expressed his appreciation to all the boards he has worked with over the years. He passed the Rock guitar book given to him by former mayor David DeRose on to Craig's new Mayor Terry Carwile in hopes that it will become a tradition for all incoming mayors. He also thanked everyone for the reception prior to the council meeting held for Joe Herod, retiring councilmember and Don Jones as mayor.

Municipal Court Judge Kevin Peck administered the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor Terry Carwile and Council members Joe Bird, Don Jones, Ray Beck for a four year term and to Byron Willems for a two year term.

Councilman Willems nominated Ray Beck as mayor pro-tem. Councilman Jones nominated Jenifer Riley as mayor pro-tem. There being no further nominations, Mayor Carwile asked council members to vote their preference for the position. Councilwoman Riley was elected as mayor pro-tem.

Mayor Carwile asked council members to review the board assignments which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilman Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Beck, to approve the minutes for March 22, 2011 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Riley, to approve the bills paid and payable for March in the amount of \$270,983.22. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Kenneth Wohl reviewed the content of the agreement to purchase property used as the sewer lagoons from the State Land Board. The City of Craig presently holds

a twenty year lease on the property. Discussion was held, Council agreed to accept the agreement as presented. Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bilodeau, to approve the agreement to a non-simultaneous exchange of real property with the State Board of Land Commissioners for property used by the Wastewater Department. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Walter Vanatta presented the 2010 annual report for the Craig Police Department. Chief Vanatta thanked the Council for their support in working with the staff.

City Manager Jim Ferree presented a request from Randy Sloan to consider a grazing lease on property owned by the City in the vicinity of the Yampa Valley Golf Course. Mr. Sloan is proposing to fence approximately one mile of fence costing from \$8,000 to \$10,000 in exchange for a five year grazing lease at no cost. Council decided that a grazing lease would not be feasible as the property is access to the city's raw water intake and there is an oil well located on the property.

Council reports were presented at this time.

Councilman Bilodeau stated that he and Councilman Jones will continue with further discussions of the lease of the Public Safety Center for the Craig Police Department.

Dave DeRose informed Council that he attended the Moffat County Commissioners meeting as they were discussing the Public Safety Center lease. He also thanked the Council for their support of the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Colorado. It is the 5th largest in the state due to the support of the City of Craig.

Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Riley, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.