

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2011

The first regular meeting of the Craig City Council, for the month of May, was brought to order by Mayor Terry Carwile at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Carwile and Council members Byron Willems, Don Jones, Jennifer Riley, Gene Bilodeau, and Joe Bird . Councilman Ray Beck was absent as he is attending the Club 20 trip to Washington, D.C. 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, Community Development Director Dave Costa, Commander Jerry Delong, Officer Ryan Fritz, Officer Travis Young, Finance Director Bruce Nelson, and City Clerk/Personnel Director Shirley Seely.

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

Councilman Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Willems, to approve the minutes for April 26, 2011 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Riley, to approve the bills paid and payable for April in the amount of \$625,688.15. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Interviews were held prior to the council meeting with Peter J. Nichols II, Jarrod Ogden, and Dennis Jones for two alternate positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Carwile requested that councilmembers vote for any two of the applicants for the alternate positions by ballot. Councilman Don Jones abstained from voting. Jarrod Ogden and Dennis Jones received the most votes for the two alternate positions for four year terms.

Police Chief Walter Vanatta presented Officer Ryan Fritz the Chief's Life Saving Medal. Officer Fritz assisted three Moffat County Deputies in saving an inmate of the Moffat County Jail who had suffered a heart attack, was unconscious and had quit breathing. Officer Fritz used an automated external defibrillator to get the man's heart started again, a move that saved the inmate's life until an ambulance showed up. Officer Fritz started as a volunteer firefighter in suburban Philadelphia, and several years later became an EMT in that area.

Councilman Willems made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve a request for a **temporary** retail liquor store license for Lariat Lee Liquors, Inc. at 391 Lincoln Street by Jack and Linda Paulson. Discussion was held. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to proclaim the City an official "Relay For Life City" and the month of July be designated as Relay For Life Month in Craig for the 5th

Annual Relay For Life on July 15 and 16, 2011. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Carwile read the proclamation into the record.

Ron Dellacroce, Elkhead and Yampa River State Park Manager, reported on activities at Elkhead that consist of warm water fishing, 900 acres of reservoir for water skiing, boating, fishing, swimming and camping. Yampa River Legacy partners are City of Craig, Routt County, Moffat County, town of Hayden, City of Steamboat, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Nature Conservancy, Yampa Valley Land Trust, and the Colorado River Water Conservation District. Park employees and their partners work together to provide ongoing customer service through recreational programs, amenities and services.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to approve a special events permit for NWCC Parrot Heads for Grand Olde West Days on May 28 and 29, 2011 at the Moffat County Pavilion and the City Parking Lot at 400 Yampa Avenue. Councilman Bilodeau abstained from voting as he is a member of the Parrot Heads. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Kenneth Wohl introduced Ordinance No. 1014. It is an ordinance to amend Section 8.02.130 of the Craig Municipal Code concerning failure to pay administrative penalties. It is the desire of the City of Craig to establish remedies and procedures that will result in more effective enforcement and collection of Administrative Penalties assessed against responsible parties who violate the provisions of Title 8 of the Code (Health and Safety). The ordinance will be presented for first reading on May 24, 2011.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve Resolution No. 7 which is a resolution designating the month of May as Higher Education Month. It encourages all to seek a college degree by taking advantage of the programs provided by Colorado Northwestern Community College which the Craig City Council supports. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Walter Vanatta presented the month end report for the Police Department.

Councilman Bilodeau reported that in 2008 - 2009 eighty degrees were earned, 2009 – 2010 one hundred degrees were earned, and in 2010 – 2011 one hundred forty-one were earned through CNCC. He also reported that construction is going well with the start of the dorms next week.

Councilwoman Riley stated that the awards for the 7th and 8th Grade students writing contest on City Government were awarded at a student assembly today.

Mayor Carwile reported on the meeting with Mark Wick and Larry Neu of the VFW Post #6240 on the lease of the park property. It was agreed that non-profits that participated as vendors at Whittle the Wood last year will be allowed to attend free of charge this year.

Ken Wergen spoke to the Council concerning emergency preparedness and how it is addressed through the city and county. Public Works Director Bill Earley stated that we have two preparedness plans in place, one for Elkhead Reservoir and one for the city water plant.

Councilman Willems made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Riley, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6.
Nays: 0. Motion carried.