

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 28, 2011

The second regular meeting of the Craig City Council, for the month of June, 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, Ray Beck, Gene Bilodeau, and Joe Bird. City Staff present were City Manager Jim Ferree, City Attorney Kenneth Wohl, Police Chief Walter Vanatta, Road & Bridge/Refuse Director Randy Call, 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 Carwile led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Willems, to approve the minutes of June 14, 2011 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bilodeau, to approve the agenda as prepared. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to approve the change of corporate structure and renewal of the tavern liquor license for Thunder Rolls Bowling Center. Beryl Dschaak was present to request council approval as she and her husband, Jim, are now sole owners of the bowling alley. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Jeff Knights and Joe Herod appeared before Council to request a license from the City of Craig to license the Northwest Pawnshop and Craig Sports as a Colorado Pawnbroker. Pawnbrokers in Colorado loan/advance money to customers and hold tangible personal property as collateral for the loans/advances. Section 12-56-102, C.R.S. permits local licensing authorities to license pawnbrokers but local city or county licensing is not mandatory. However, if a pawnbroker is not licensed by a local licensing authority or is located in a city or county that does not license pawnbrokers it is limited to the UCCC's 21% and 36% rate caps, must be licensed as a supervised lender under the UCCC in order to charge rates above 12% APR, and must fully comply with the UCCC. A local license would allow them to charge the current rates per the Colorado Pawnbrokers Association. The Council instructed staff to research the issue for further recommendation.

Darcy Owens-Trask, Director of the Craig Moffat Economic Development Partnership, presented a request for a letter of support for a Business Incubator Grant. The grant is through the Colorado Economic Development Commission and Office of Economic Development and International Trade. This grant request for \$110,000 will fund development and delivery of business incubation services through the Craig/Moffat Business Incubation Center. Council agreed to support the grant application.

Road & Bridge/Refuse Director Randy Call presented his recommendation to purchase three steel "V" snowplows for the new pickups for Parks and Recreation, Water and Wastewater Departments. Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Riley, to award the bid to O.J. Watson Equipment as low bidder in the amount of \$5,172 per snowplow to include installation. The total amount for the three plows is \$15,516.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Director Call also requested to purchase two sanders and two snow plows for the new dump trucks that have been purchased this year. Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to authorize the purchase of two Swenson sanders and two Henke snow plows from Kois Brothers for a total of \$33,348.00. These items are standardized, as the parts are all interchangeable and any plow or sander will fit any of our dump trucks. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Finance Director Bruce Nelson presented the month end financial report for May.

Water/Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger presented the month end reports for his departments.

City Manager Jim Ferree reported that a survey of the greenbelt area by Pan-O-Rama Park that is owned by the City has been completed. Vehicular control could be accomplished by the installation of some fencing if it becomes a concern. Further study will be done on the issue.

City Attorney Kenneth Wohl stated that he will continue to research the licensing of pawnshops with the Colorado Municipal League and other municipalities.

Council reports were given at this time on various meetings and events that have been attended. All councilmembers felt that the Whittle the Wood held in the City Park was well attended and of exceptional quality.

Mayor Carwile suggested that a workshop be held to study water issues at Elkhead Reservoir.

Public Works Director Bill Earley advised Council that the City of Craig has received an offer from Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc. to explore whether the City would consider leasing a portion of its storage account and water rights in Elkhead Reservoir for use at the Craig Station as a backup water supply during dry years. Tri-State would be interested in leasing an amount up to 2,400 acre feet, in firm amount/option format. Such a lease would be a long term contract with an initial term of up to 10 years. Staff will keep Council informed on further developments.

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