

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 12, 2011

The first regular meeting of the Craig City Council, for the month of July, 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 Kenny Wohl, Police Chief Walter Vanatta, Public Works Director Bill Earley, Parks & Recreation Director Dave Pike, 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 Councilwoman Riley, to approve the minutes for June 28, 2011 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Beck, to approve the bills paid and payable for June in the amount of \$542,537.43. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bilodeau, to approve the consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda are the renewal of the 3.2% retail beer liquor license for Pizza Hut #4834 at 1070 West Victory Way and the renewal of the retail liquor store license for Lori and Lennie Gillam dba Stockmen's Liquor at 574 Pershing Street. Representatives from both establishments were present. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Gena Hinkemeyer provided an update on the Colorado Coal and Power Generation Conference that will be held at the Sheraton Steamboat Resort in Steamboat Springs on August 23 through 25, 2011. This will be a shared event with the Colorado Water Congress. Council members expressed their concern and disappointment that the conference has been changed to Steamboat Springs. Ms. Hinkemeyer explained that State legislators will attend and that a portion of the conference will include a four-bus tour to Trapper Mine and Tri-State Generation & Transmission Craig Station. Mayor Carwile and Commissioner Danner will be speakers on the bus tour. Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Beck, that the council will support the conference with a pledge of \$1000.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Mayor Carwile abstained from voting as he is on the organizing committee for the conference.

Councilman Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Beck, to approve the two year 2011 sublease between the City of Craig and Moffat County for office space for the Craig Police Department in the Moffat County Public Safety Center. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

Parks & Recreation Director Dave Pike presented an update on the budget for the recent Whittle the Wood event held at City Park on June 15 through 18, 2011. He stated that maps will be made to show the location of the carvings as not all are in place at City Park. They are placed at various locations across the city. Future advertising was discussed.

City Manager Jim Ferree advised Council that a workshop will be held before the next council meeting to receive a presentation on the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program. The program is proposed to be offered in conjunction with the City of Craig to make available protection for resident's sewer and water utility lines. The program is offered to residents on an optional basis.

City Attorney Kenneth Wohl summarized his research on the request from the local pawnbrokers to have the city license them to operate in the City of Craig. After a lengthy discussion Council requested that an ordinance be drafted for consideration.

Council reports were given at this time on various meetings and events attended.

Jeff Knights, owner of Northwest Pawnshop, again explained that a local license from the City would allow them to charge the current rates per the Colorado Pawnbrokers Association who are meeting on July 26th to further develop license requirements.

Jim Mieneke urged the Council to set limits of 5 or 6 and a fee if the request to allow chickens in the city limits is brought to them. He cautioned them to be prepared.

Ken Wergen requested that a dog park be designated to let dogs run free to socialize with other dogs. He urged them to be careful about regulating chickens in the city as he feels this will bring other animal requests.

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