

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 26, 2011

The second regular meeting of the Craig City Council, for the month of July, was brought to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Jennifer Riley at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Pro-Tem Riley and Council members Don Jones, Ray Beck, Gene Bilodeau, and Joe Bird. Mayor Terry Carwile and Councilman Byron Willems were absent. City Staff present were City Manager Jim Ferree, City Attorney Kenneth Wohl, Police Chief Walter Vanatta, Public Works Director Bill Earley, Finance Director Bruce Nelson, and City Clerk/Personnel Director Shirley Seely.

Mayor Pro-Tem Riley led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

Councilman Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011 as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Beck, to approve the consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda are the approval of a special events permit for the American Legion Post #62 for events at the Moffat County Fair on August 6, 2011 at the Fairgrounds and the renewal of the 3.2% beer retail liquor license for City Market Store #15 at 505 West Victory Way. Representatives from both establishments were present. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

James Rae, Poysti & Adams LLC, Certified Public Accountants, presented the 2010 Audit for Council review.

Jeremy Looper, an eleven year old member of Boy Scouts Troop No. 172, appeared before Council to discuss the ordinance that prohibits chickens in the city limits. The presentation will allow him to earn a merit badge but Jeremy said that he has always wanted to raise chickens. He presented the following advantages for raising your own chickens. Fresh eggs are better, chickens help reduce food waste because the omnivorous birds will eat table scraps, chickens are a cheap source of fertilizer, chickens help to keep lawns trimmed, and they are low maintenance. Devin Jurgensen, a Craig resident, said she opposes chickens in the city as they are dirty and the stink draws flies. Susan Domer said she is in favor of four or five chickens and that "Chickens are as dirty as their owners are". Boy Scout John Cutler stated that Highlands Ranch in Denver allow chickens. Craig resident Bobbi Grove objected as the chickens bring a lot of bugs. Jeremy presented the Council with five sample ordinances from other communities that allow chickens in the city limits. Council discussed the pros and cons of having chickens in the city. The issue will be addressed again at the next council meeting on August 9, 2011.

Public Works Director Bill Earley discussed the memo from Water & Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000.00 from the wastewater reserve funds to replace deteriorated infrastructure at the wastewater plant. The existing South Oxidation Ditch's aeration manifold system has deteriorated over the past thirty years to the point where it needs to be replaced. Discussion was held on the merits of replacing the manifolds with stainless steel or fiberglass. Mr. Earley will do more research on the two materials. Councilman Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve the supplemental appropriation request to replace the manifolds at the wastewater plant in the amount up to \$100,000.00. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Kenneth Wohl introduced and explained the proposed Ordinance No. 1015 which is an ordinance to license pawnbrokers in the City of Craig, Colorado. Discussion was held. The ordinance will be reviewed for changes and reintroduced at the next regular council meeting as the Pawnbrokers Association is working on proposed changes also.

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

Public Works Director Bill Earley presented the Water and Wastewater month end reports for Director Mark Sollenberger.

Police Chief Walter Vanatta presented the results of the recent Craig Police Department Community Survey.

City Manager Jim Ferree advised Council that Parks Director Dave Pike is pursuing a GOCO grant to purchase the property at City Park. An appraiser will be hired to confirm the legal description of the property.

Councilman Bilodeau announced that the ribbon cutting for the new CNCC campus will be on August 8, 2011 at 12:00 noon.

Mayor Pro-Tem Riley reported that the Colorado State BBQ Championship cook off will be August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at Loudy Simpson Park. Inendiary Circus, a professional fire & performance art entertainment group, will perform during BBQ Championship on Friday, August 26, 2011.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

