

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

The first regular meeting of the Craig City Council, for the month of September, 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, Police Chief Walter Vanatta, Road & Bridge/Refuse Director Randy Call, 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 Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Willems, to approve the minutes for August 23, 2011 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve the bills paid and payable for August in the amount of \$661,422.02. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

Shannon Koucherik, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, appeared before Council to request proclamation of September 13 through 23, 2011 as Constitution Week. Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bilodeau, to proclaim September 13 through 23, 2011 as Constitution Week. Mayor Carwile read the proclamation into the record. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Beck, to approve Ordinance No. 1015 on second reading. It is an ordinance licensing pawnbrokers in the city of Craig, Colorado. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation Director Dave Pike introduced a proposal letter from Arnie Butler & Company to provide appraisal services for the VFW owned property at City Park in the amount of \$3,500. The City plans to pursue a Great Outdoors Colorado grant for the purchase which requires the land be appraised by a GOCO approved appraisal company. Discussion was held. Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to approve hiring Grand Junction, Colorado based Arnie Butler & Company to conduct the real estate appraisal of the VFW property for \$3,500. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Walter Vanatta presented the August month end report for the Police Department. He also reported on the recent activities for the ACET Task Force which includes one officer each from the Craig and Steamboat Springs police departments and a deputy from the Moffat County Sheriff's office. ACET

investigates narcotics in Moffat and Routt counties. They have arrested 15 people suspected of narcotics violations this year, resulting in the seizure of more than \$40,000 in illegal drugs.

City Manager Jim Ferree reminded Council of the Craig Electronic Recycling Day to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Craig City Hall parking lot. This event is sponsored by the City of Craig, Solutions Oriented Systems Computer Consulting, and Yampa Valley Partners.

Councilman Bird commended the Beautification Committee on the landscaping of the area at Findley Lane and Hwy 40. He also commented that the youth of the community are watching the council activities, therefore the process should be positive.

Councilman Beck reported on events and meetings he has attended.

Councilman Willems stated that he is proud of the country for the various 911 memorials as they were well done.

Councilman Jones reported that the recent BBQ Championship was well attended as well as the Chamber mixer held at the Downtown Bookstore.

Councilwoman Riley reminded Council of The Memorial Hospital golf tournament to be held on September 23rd.

Mayor Carwile reported on the various meetings he has attended including the Oil & Gas Symposium and the event in Hayden with Senator Mike Bennet speaking on the U S Farm Bill.

Mayor Carwile welcomed the students from the Moffat County High School government class to the meeting.

Road & Bridge Director Randy Call discussed the issue of possible drilling of oil wells within the city limits. It is felt that the city land use code would prevent the drilling in the city. Discussion was held.

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