

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2011

The first regular meeting of the Craig City Council, for the month of October, 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, 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 Councilman Bird, to approve the minutes for September 27, 2011 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilman Willems, to approve the bills paid and payable for September in the amount of \$398,026.70. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bilodeau, to approve the consent agenda which is the renewal of the hotel & restaurant liquor licenses for Casa Loya LLC at 351 Ranney Street and Fiesta Jalisco at 410 Ranney Street. Representatives from both restaurants were present. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

City Manager Jim Ferree introduced discussion of a revised Memorandum of Understanding for the Yampa River System Legacy Partnership. The draft amendment would expand the scope of the project and allow the partnership to seek additional federal funding. The Legacy Partnership would be able to petition for grant money from the recently created national program, America's Great Outdoor initiative, in addition to funding from Great Outdoors Colorado. Upon signing the MOU, the Council will appoint a representative and alternate from the City of Craig.

Police Chief Walter Vanatta presented the month end report for the Police Department. Councilman Beck commended Chief Vanatta and Sheriff Jantz on their presentation to the Moffat County Commissioners on the activities of the ACET program.

City Manager Jim Ferree announced that he will be attending the Economic Update and Small Business Resource Fair on October 12, 2011. The event is hosted by the Craig/Moffat Economic Development Partnership at the Moffat County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Dr. Carl Steidtmann, chief economist and director of consumer business at Deloitte research in New York City will be the keynote speaker.

Councilman Beck reported on meetings he has attended and upcoming meetings. He requested a workshop be held prior to the November 8, 2011 council meeting as the Club 20 Executive Director Bonnie Petersen will make a presentation. He has arranged a tour with Shell Oil on October 20, 2011.

Councilman Willems stated that the City budget meeting went very smooth as the staff was very well prepared.

Councilman Jones reminded all of the Chamber of Commerce Crabfest on October 29th.

Councilwoman Riley reminded the public of the special on mammograms done at The Memorial Hospital during the month of October.

Mayor Carwile stated that he is impressed with the new board members for CNCC and with President Russell George. He requested that a workshop be held to further discuss the gas and oil exploration on October 25th.

Discussion was held on what night should be designated as "Trick or Treat Night" in Craig. City Manager Ferree will check with the Downtown Business Association to coordinate.

Lianne Davis-Kling discussed the forum held for the candidates for the Moffat County School Board election that was held earlier this evening.

Vickie Burns and Neil Folks for the Moffat County Fuller Center for Housing appeared before Council to request the dump fees be waived for the project at 731 Yampa Avenue. They will have three to four rollofs of material. Council agreed to waive the fees as Moffat County will waive the landfill fees.

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