

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

The first regular meeting of the Craig City Council, for the month of November, 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, 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 Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to approve the minutes for October 25, 2011 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve the bills paid and payable for October in the amount of \$393,460.33. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to remove the scheduled executive session as it is for the discussion of the appraisal of the property currently owned by the VFW. It will be discussed at a later date. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Beck, to table approval of the renewal of the 3.2% retail beer liquor license for Safeway Store # 635 as no representative was present. Also to approve the renewal of the tavern liquor license for the O P Bar 'N Grill at 534 East Victory Way, the retail liquor store license for Elk Liquor Store at 1111 West Victory Way #135, the tavern liquor license for J W Snack's at 210 East Victory Way, the hotel and restaurant liquor license for Ocean Pearl at 441 West Victory Way, a special events permit for Yampa Valley Friends of NRA for the Tri State Christmas party at the Moffat County Fairgrounds pavilion on December 17, 2011, and a special events permit for the Boys and Girls Club for the Cowboy Christmas at 1324 East Highway 40 on December 3, 2011. Representatives from these entities were present. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bilodeau made a motion, seconded by Councilman Beck, to reappoint Randy Kloos to the Planning & Zoning Commission for four years ending November 13, 2015. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve Ordinance No. 1016 on first reading. It is an ordinance adopting the 2012 budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures, and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies for the City of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January, 2012 and ending the thirty-first day of December, 2012. Discussion was held. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bilodeau, to approve Ordinance No. 1017 on first reading. It is an ordinance amending Sections 13-48-010 and 13.16.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the water and wastewater rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of the Water and Wastewater Enterprise funds. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Beck made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bird, to approve Resolution No. 10, a resolution appropriating additional funds in the Center of Craig fund to install a new roof on the Center of Craig auditorium. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The month end report for the Police Department was presented.

City Manager Jim Ferree stated that an offer has been presented to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4265 to purchase Craig City Park for \$25, 500. The offer is the result of an appraisal done by Arnie Butler & Company which is required in the event that the city would apply for Great Outdoors Colorado grant assistance. A GOCO grant requires that the purchase price not exceed the appraised value. Also deed restrictions state that City Park must always remain an open public space which adversely affects its value.

City Manager Ferree introduced discussion of the sub-standard infrastructure in Shadow Mountain. Curb and gutters need to be installed and water and sewer lines need to be replaced. The possibility that the City of Craig and Moffat County apply for a combined grant from DOLA to address the infrastructure was discussed.

Council reports were given at this time.

Lianne Davis-Kling reminded Council of the Veterans Day ceremony at the Moffat County High School on Friday, November 11, 2011 beginning at 7:30 am and the Flag ceremony at 11:11 am conducted by the MCHS social studies department.

Public Works Director Bill Earley advised Council of new EPA requirements concerning the discharge of waste back into the public waterways.

Police Chief Walter Vanatta reminded everyone of the first ever national test of the emergency alert system that is set for 12 pm MT on November 9, 2011.

Further discussion was held on the renewal of the 3.2% retail beer license for the Safeway Store #635 as this is the second meeting that no one was present to represent the store. The renewal will be on the agenda on November 22, 2011.

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