



**COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2024
MINUTES**

Mayor Chris Nichols brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of December 2024. In addition to Mayor Nichols, those present were Councilmembers Michelle Gottschall, Derek Duran, Jesse Jackson, Randy Looper, Andrea Camp, and Luke Tucker. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Finance Director Mindy Elliott, City Clerk Katie Carmody, Building Official Marlin Eckhoff, and Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for a community member.

Finance Director Mindy Elliott took councilmember roll call.

Councilwoman Gottschall moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting on November 26, 2024, and the approval of bills through December 6, 2024, in the amount of \$525,852.08. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Jackson moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the December 10, 2024, agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There were no presentations.

City Manager Brixius updated the group on current and future meetings and projects.

City Councilmembers discussed various meetings and events in which they participated in or will take place soon.

The floor was now open for public comment.

Finance Director Mindy Elliott read an email from Mark Jacobson for public comment.

Joann Roberson gave a public comment.

Nathan Butler gave a public comment.

Mayor Nichols closed the Regular Session and opened Public Hearing.

Ordinance No. 1160 (2024) ~ Craig City Council consideration for an Ordinance revising Title 13, Chapter 32, Title 15, Chapters 4 and 6, and Title 16, Chapters 1 and 3 of the Craig Municipal Code for Purposes of Affordable Housing Needs.

Building Official Marlin Eckhoff gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

The floor was now open for public comment.

Nathan Butler gave a public comment.

Ordinance No. 1161 (2024) ~ an ordinance of the City Council for the City of Craig, Colorado amending section 16.03.060 of the Craig Land Use Code concerning non-conforming uses and buildings.

Building Official Marlin Eckhoff gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

The floor was now open for public comment.

No public comment was given.

Being no further public comment, the Public Hearing was closed, and Mayor Nichols returned to Regular Session.

Mayor Nichols read and opened for discussion the cancellation of the second council meeting slated for December 24, 2024. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to approve the cancellation of the second council meeting slated for December 24, 2024. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Nichols read the (Second Reading) of Ordinance No. 1160 (2024) ~ Craig City Council consideration for an Ordinance revising Title 13, Chapter 32, Title 15, Chapters 4 and 6, and Title 16, Chapters 1 and 3 of the Craig Municipal Code for Purposes of Affordable Housing Needs. After discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve the (Second Reading) of Ordinance No. 1160 (2024) ~ Craig City Council consideration for an Ordinance revising Title 13, Chapter 32, Title 15, Chapters 4 and 6, and Title 16, Chapters 1 and 3 of the Craig Municipal Code for Purposes of Affordable Housing Needs. After further discussion, Finance Director Mindy Elliott polled. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3. Motion Carried.

Mayor Nichols read the (Second Reading) of Ordinance No. 1161 (2024) ~ an ordinance of the City Council for the City of Craig, Colorado amending section 16.03.060 of the Craig Land Use Code concerning non-conforming uses and buildings. Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Tucker to approve the (Second Reading) of Ordinance No. 1161 (2024) ~ an ordinance of the City Council for the City of Craig, Colorado amending section 16.03.060 of the Craig Land Use Code concerning non-conforming uses and buildings. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for approval Resolution No. 24 (2024) ~ consideration of a resolution approving the Affordable Housing Fee Waiver Policy. After discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve Resolution No. 24 (2024) ~ a resolution approving the Affordable House Fee Waiver Policy. After further discussion, Finance Director Mindy Elliot polled. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for approval Resolution No. 25 (2024) ~ consideration of a resolution approving a request for fee waivers from Meadowood Apartments, LLC subject to conditions. After discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve a 50% fee waiver. After further discussion, Finance Director Mindy Elliot polled. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for approval of a Letter of Support for Memorial Regional Health's Geothermal Efforts. After further discussion, Councilwoman Gottschall moved with a

second by Councilman Jackson too approve the Letter of Support for Memorial Regional Health's Geothermal Efforts. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott gave the Economic Development Q4 Report.

Closing remarks: Councilman Tucker requested City staff to reach out to the Craig Daily Press to inquire about more coverage of the City Council meetings. Councilwoman Gottschall stated that she would be primary on the Victims Advocate Board and Councilman Duran would be secondary. Mayor Nichols thanked the Councilmembers for their work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Being no further business, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Looper to adjourn the December 10, 2024, meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.