



**COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2025
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 January 2025. 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 Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Katie Carmody took councilmember roll call.

Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting on December 10, 2024, the approval of bills through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$501,426.04, the approval of bills through January 10, 2025 in the amount of \$381,369.05, the appointment of Luke Tucker as the Ex-Officio Liaison to the Airport Advisory Board, and the appointment of David Crabtree to the Airport Advisory Board as a voting member. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to approve the January 14, 2025, agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Municipal Judge Jay Cranmer administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk, Katie Carmody.

Police Chief Michael Cochran administered the Oath of Office to Officer Bryan Gonzales for his promotion to Sergeant.

Vince Mooney, joined by Karina Browning, presented on the Shared Missions of the Community Budget Center and Love Inc.

Dr. Neal, Superintendent Moffat County School District, gave a presentation about opening the school facilities for more days to allow for more indoor community events.

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.

James Robertson gave a public comment.

Kristin Skowronski gave a public comment.

John Camponeschi gave a public comment.

Joann Roberson gave a public comment.

Mayor Nichols closed the Regular Session and opened Public Hearing.

Building Official Marlin Eckhoff presented for consideration approval of a Conditional Use Permit application from Mike and Judy Ward to construct an 850 sq. ft. Accessory Dwelling Unit at 630 Ashley Rd.

The floor was now open for public comment.

Mike and Judy Ward gave a public comment.

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

City Clerk Katie Carmody presented for approval Resolution No. 1 (2025) ~ consideration of a resolution designating the public place for posting notices pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(2)(c). Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve Resolution No. 1 (2025) ~ resolution designating the public place for posting notices pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(2)(c). Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Katie Carmody presented for approval Resolution No. 2 (2025) ~ consideration of a resolution declaring the Craig Press the official newspaper of the City of Craig. Councilman Jackson moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to approve Resolution No. 2 (2025) ~ a resolution declaring the Craig Press the official newspaper of the City of Craig. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray presented for approval the award of bids for 2025 Chemicals for the Water and Wastewater department. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve the bids for the 2025 Chemicals for the Water and Wastewater department. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Building Official Marlin Eckhoff presented for approval of a Conditional Use Permit application from Mike and Judy Ward to construct an 850 sq. ft. Accessory Dwelling Unit at 630 Ashley Rd. After further discussion, Councilwoman Gottschall moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the Conditional Use Permit application from Mike and Judy Ward to construct an 850 sq. ft. Accessory Dwelling Unit at 630 Ashley Rd. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

City Attorney Heather Cannon presented for approval the nullification of Councilwoman Andrea Camp's vote on Ordinance 1161 (2024) during Council Meeting on December 10, 2024, due to a conflict of interest. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the nullification of Councilwoman Andrea Camp's vote on Ordinance 1161 (2024) during Council Meeting on December 10, 2024, due to a conflict of interest. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for discussion a potential 2025 formal Strategic Planning session. After discussion, Council Directed City Manager Brixius to pursue obtaining more information regarding a formal strategic planning session.

Finance Director Mindy Elliott gave the Financial Report for November 2024.

Police Chief Michael Cochran gave the Police Report for December 2024.

Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to move from Regular Session into Executive Session. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Duran to move from Executive Session back to Regular Session. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Being no further business, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Duran to adjourn the January 14, 2025, meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.