



**COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 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 April 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, Police Chief Michael Cochran, Finance Director Mindy Elliott, City Clerk Katie Carmody, GIS/Technology Tech John Meinhart, Building Official Marlin Eckhoff, Museum Director Dan Davidson, Road and Bridge Director Shane Baker, and via ZOOM City Attorney Heather Cannon.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Katie Carmody took councilmember roll call. Those present were Mayor Nichols and Councilmembers Michelle Gottschall, Derek Duran, Jesse Jackson, Randy Looper, Andrea Camp and Luke Tucker.

Councilman Jackson moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting on March 25, 2025, and the approval of bills through April 3, 2025, in the amount of \$533,914.19. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to approve the April 8, 2025, agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Michael Cochran presented a Lifesaving award to Sergeant Brian Soper.

Police Chief Michael Cochran did the Promotional Swearing In for Corporal Izauro Gonzalez Garcia and Corporal Tracy Mendoza.

Kandee Dilldine presented on the downtown Business Association and the planned events for 2025.

Paul DesRocher, Director of Transit and Rail presented on the Colorado Mountain Rail project.

City Manager Peter 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 participate in soon.

The floor was now open for public comment.

No public comment was given.

Being no public comment, Mayor Nichols closed the Regular Session and moved into Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Bill Ray provided a presentation on the Yampa Valley Regional Transportation Authority.

Being no public comment, Mayor Nichols closed the Public Hearing for the Yampa Valley Regional Transportation Authority and returned to Regular Session at 7:51 p.m.

City Manager Peter Brixius presented for discussion and approval Resolution No. 4 (2025) ~ a Resolution in Support of a Colorado Mountain Rail Station in the City of Craig. After further discussion Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve Resolution No. 4 (2025) ~ a Resolution in Support of a Colorado Mountain Rail Station in the City of Craig. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Peter Brixius presented for discussion and approval Resolution No. 5 (2025) ~ a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Craig for the Yampa Valley Regional Transportation Authority. After further discussion Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to approve Resolution No. 5 (2025) ~ a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Craig for the Yampa Valley Regional Transportation Authority. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Michael Cochran presented for discussion and approval to purchase FN LE 509M from ProForce Law Enforcement in the amount of \$19,920.00. Councilwoman Gottschall moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve to purchase FN LE 509M from ProForce Law Enforcement in the amount of \$19,920.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Nichols read the (First Reading) Ordinance No. 1166 (2025) ~ an ordinance of the City of Craig imposing a moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval of applications for the establishment of business that cultivates, processes, or dispenses, Natural Medicine or the establishment of any business, occupation, or operation for Healing Centers. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Tucker to approve the (First Reading) Ordinance No. 1166 (2025) ~ an ordinance of the City of Craig imposing a moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval of applications for the establishment of business that cultivates, processes, or dispenses, Natural Medicine or the establishment of any business, occupation, or operation for Healing Centers. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

No discussions were scheduled.

Road and Bridge Director Shane Baker presented the Road and Bridge and Solid Waste updates.

Building Official Marlin Eckhoff presented the 2024 Building Department Year End Report.

Museum Director Dan Davidson presented the 2024 Museum Financial Report.

Police Chief Michael Cochran gave the Police update for March 2025.

Being no further business, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to adjourn the April 8, 2025, meeting at 9:01 p.m. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.