COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2025
MINUTES

Mayor Nichols brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of August 2025. In addition to Mayor Nichols, those present were Councilmembers Michelle Gottschall, Derek Duran, Jesse James Jackson, Randy Looper, Andrea Camp, and Luke Tucker. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Police Chief Michael Cochran, Finance Director Mindy Elliott, City Clerk Katie Carmody, Public Works Director Danny Paul, Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray, Museum Director Dan Davidson, Parks and Recreation Project and Events Manager Melanie Kilpatrick, and GIS/Technology Tech John Meinhart.

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 James Jackson, Randy Looper, Andrea Camp and Luke Tucker.

Councilwoman Gottschall moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting on July 22, 2025, and the approval of bills through August 7, 2025, in the amount of $1,035,230.81. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to amend the agenda to remove the following items from the agenda: Item 8L. The purchase of a property located on 1st Street, Craig, Colorado and Item 8M. Resolution No. 20 (2025). These items were removed from the agenda as all documents associated with these items have not been published. These items will be considered at a future meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the August 12, 2025, agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There were no presentations scheduled.

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.

Michael Lausin gave a public comment.

Lois Wymore gave a public comment.

Jamie Eckroth gave a public comment.

Being no additional public comment, Mayor Nichols closed the Regular Session and moved into Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

City Clerk Katie Carmody presented a request for a new Retail Liquor Store (City) Local Liquor License application from Imperio Liquor, LLC dba Imperio Liquor located at 1111 W. Victory Way, Ste. 135, Craig, Colorado.

Liliana Hernandez Montanez presented a public comment for the issuance of the local liquor license.

City Attorney Heather Cannon presented Ordinance No. 1167 (2025) ~ an Ordinance of the City of Craig, Colorado referring a question to the registered electors approving the imposition and levy of an additional sales tax of up to four (4%) percent on the sales of retail marijuana and marijuana products; and setting a ballot measure for the November 4, 2025, coordinated election.

Michael Lausin presented a public comment against Ordinance No. 1167 (2025).

Shaun Hadley presented a public comment against Ordinance No. 1167 (2025).

Lois Wymore presented a public comment against Ordinance No. 1167 (2025).

Kate Williams presented a public comment against Ordinance No. 1167 (2025).

Being no further public comment, Mayor Nichols closed the Public Hearing and moved back into Regular Session at 7:33 p.m.

City Clerk Katie Carmody presented for discussion and approval of a Retail Liquor Store (City) Local Liquor License to Imperio Liquor, LLC dba Imperio Liquors whose address is 1111 W. Victory Way, Ste. 135, Craig, Colorado. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the issuance of a Retail Liquor Store (City) Local Liquor License to Imperio Liquor, LLC dba Imperio Liquors whose address is 1111 W. Victory Way, Ste. 135, Craig, Colorado. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Heather Cannon presented for discussion and approval (**Second Reading**) Ordinance No. 1167 (2025) ~ an Ordinance of the City of Craig, Colorado referring a question to the registered electors approving the imposition and levy of an additional sales tax of up to four (4%) percent on the sales of retail marijuana and marijuana products; and setting a ballot measure for the November 4, 2025, coordinated election. Councilman Tucker moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve Ordinance No. 1167 (2025) ~ an Ordinance of the City of Craig, Colorado referring a question to the registered electors approving the imposition and levy of an additional sales tax of up to four (4%) percent on the sales of retail marijuana and marijuana products; and setting a ballot measure for the November 4, 2025, coordinated election. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to table the action on Ordinance No. 1167 (2025) ~ an Ordinance of the City of Craig, Colorado referring a question to the registered electors approving the imposition and levy of an additional sales tax of up to four (4%) percent on the sales of retail marijuana and marijuana products; and setting a ballot measure for the November 4, 2025, coordinated election until the August 26, 2025, Regular Council meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Peter Brixius presented for discussion and approval of Resolution No. 21 (2025) ~ a Resolution approving an establishment agreement creating the Moffat Economic Development Authority; the economic development policy of the Authority; the appointment of board members of the Authority, and other matters related thereto. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution No. 21 (2025) ~ a Resolution approving an establishment agreement creating the Moffat Economic Development Authority; the economic development policy of the Authority; the appointment of board members of the Authority; and other matters related thereto. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray presented for discussion and approval of an Award of Bid for the Glen Erie South Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project to WBS Coatings, Inc. for $531,958.00. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Award of Bid for the Glen Erie South Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project to WBS Coatings, Inc. for $531,958.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Finance Director Mindy Elliott presented for discussion and approval Resolution No. 19 (2025) ~ a Resolution to appropriate funds in the Water fund for the Glen Erie South Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project. After further discussion, Councilwoman Gottschall moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve Resolution No. 19 (2025) ~ a Resolution to appropriate funds in the Water fund for the Glen Erie South Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Clerk Katie Carmody presented for discussion and approval the IGA with Moffat County for the 2025 Coordinated Election to be held on November 4, 2025. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve the IGA with Moffat County for the 2025 Coordinated Election to be held on November 4, 2025. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Heather Cannon presented for discussion and approval the revised IGA with Moffat County for the Moffat County Airport. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the revised IGA with Moffat County for the Moffat County Airport. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Project and Events Manager Melanie Kilpatrick presented for discussion and approval to purchase a CXT Double Cascadian Vault Toilet as an upland improvement for the Craig River Project under YRCP Schedule in the amount of $105,361.00. After further discussion, Councilwoman Gottschall moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the purchase of a CXT Double Cascadian Vault Toilet as an upland improvement for the Craig River Project under YRCP Schedule in the amount of $105,361.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Danny Paul presented for discussion and approval of an application requesting grant funding to CDOT Multi-Model Options Fund in the amount of $150,000.00. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve an application requesting grant funding to CDOT Multi-Model Options Fund in the amount of $150,000.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Michael Cochran presented for discussion and approval the purchase of a 2025 Ford Interceptor SUV from Brannen in the amount of $48,700.00. After further discussion, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Interceptor SUV from Brannen in the amount of $48,700.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Museum Director Dan Davidson presented for discussion and approval Resolution No. 22 (2025) ~ a Resolution of the City of Craig authorizing the execution of an oil and gas lease between the City of Craig for the benefit of the Museum of Northwest Colorado and Zenergy, Inc. After further discussion, Councilman Looper Moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve Resolution No. 22 (2025) ~ a Resolution of the City of Craig authorizing the execution of an oil and gas lease between the City of Craig for the benefit of the Museum of Northwest Colorado and Zenergy, Inc. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilmembers discussed various topics and requests for further information from city staff.

Police Chief Michael Cochran presented the Police Report for July 2025.

Parks and Recreation Project and Events Manager Melanie Kilpatrick presented an update on the Yampa River Corridor/Craig River Park project.

Public Works Director Danny Paul presented the Public Works Report for July 2025.

Being no further business, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to adjourn the August 12, 2025, meeting at 9:11 p.m. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.