



**COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2026
MINUTES**

Mayor Nichols brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the second regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of January 2026. In addition to Mayor Nichols, those present were Councilmembers Michelle Gottschall, Jnl Linsacum, Derek Duran, Randy Looper, Joe Herod, and Luke Tucker. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Finance Director Mindy Elliott, City Clerk Katie Carmody, Public Works Director Danny Paul, Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray, Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Dennison, Building Official Marlin Eckhoff, 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, Jnl Linsacum, Derek Duran, Randy Looper, Joe Herod, and Luke Tucker.

Councilman Herod 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 January 13, 2026, and the approval of bills through January 22, 2026, in the amount of \$319,584.12. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Gottschall moved with a second by Councilwoman Linsacum to approve the January 27, 2026, agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Brian Beckler and Bob McDonald with Ohlson Lavoie Corporation (OLC) and Steve Bireley and Darin Barr with Ballard*King & Associates provided the final presentation on Phase I and II of the Craig Sports Complex.

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. There were no disclosures of potential conflicts of interest regarding agenda items.

There was no Public Hearing scheduled.

Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray presented for discussion and approval the submission of a Tier II grant application to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund supporting the "A" Sewer Line Replacement. After further discussion Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the submission of a Tier II grant application to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund supporting the "A" Sewer Line Replacement. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Dennison presented for discussion and approval to purchase a John Deere 1600 Commercial Mower through a local participating Sourcewell vendor in the amount of \$74,711.84. After further discussion, Councilman Tucker moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to approve to purchase a John Deere 1600 Commercial Mower through a local participating Sourcewell vendor in the amount of \$74,711.84. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Dennison presented for discussion and approval to purchase a Walker mower with Two (2) Standard Rotation Collection Decks through a local participating Sourcewell vendor in the amount of \$25,686.50. Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve to purchase a Walker Mower with Two (2) Standard Rotation Collection Decks through a local participating Sourcewell vendor in the amount of \$25,686.50. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Building Official Marlin Eckhoff presented for discussion and approval Resolution No. 4 (2026) ~ A Resolution for the Expedited Review of Affordable Housing Projects. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Herod to approve Resolution No. 4 (2026) ~ A Resolution for the Expedited Review of Affordable Housing Projects. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding researching potential tax sources to offset the revenue that will be lost because of the Local Marketing District (LMD) ballot measure failure during the November 2025 election.

Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray presented the Water and Wastewater Report for October through December of 2025.

The floor was now open for public comment.

Carl Bomba gave a public comment.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Nichols moved to the next agenda item.

There were no closing remarks or informational items presented.

Being no further business, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Herod to adjourn the January 27, 2026, regular city council meeting at 8:23 p.m. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.