

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2018
MINUTES**

Mayor John Ponikvar brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the second regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of January 2018. In addition to Mayor Ponikvar, those present were Councilmembers Andrea Camp, Derek Duran, Joe Bird and Jarrod Ogden. Councilmen Chris Nichols and Joe Bird were absent. Staff present were City Manager Mike Foreman, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Interim Chief of Police Jerry Delong, Water/Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger, Public Works Director Randy Call, Parks/Recreation Director Dave Pike, Finance Director Bruce Nelson and City Clerk Kathy Larson.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the agenda with the removal of item 7D for consideration at a future meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2018, meeting as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, as presented, the minutes from the special meeting on January 16, 2018. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At this time, City Manager Foreman and Mayor Ponikvar honored Deputy City Clerk Liz White with a plaque for achieving the status of Certified Municipal Clerk. This was the culmination of a three-year certification program that she participated in. She was applauded for a job well done!

Municipal Judge Heather Cannon gave the oath of office to the city's newest police officer, Nathan Businger, who will start employment on February 5th. Following his training, he will be joining Ryan Fritz as a School Resource Officer.

At this time Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to open a public hearing for a change of location for Vallartas Mexican Restaurant. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Jose and Cassandra Nunez spoke in favor of the change of location for the restaurant. No one opposed the change of location.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to return to regular session. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Then, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve a change of location for Jose and Cassandra Nunez dba Vallartas of Craig LLC from 1111 W. Victory Way, Craig, to 2705 W. Victory Way, Craig. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Michelle Balleck, Executive Director of Craig Moffat Economic Development Partnership (CMEDP), appeared before Council to give her quarterly report and year-end update on CMEDP and the Business Center. Following this, Michelle gave an update on the Craig Moffat Broadband Project. She answered questions from Council on both CMEDP and Broadband.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger gave a presentation and recommendation on his recent RFP for 2018 Chemicals. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Bird moved with a second by

Councilman Ogden to approve items A – L on the chemical bid tab sheet with the removal of item B ~ a bid for salt. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.

After a short discussion, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the purchase of salt for the water plant from Snyder and Counts, a local company. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation Director Pike appeared before Council to discuss recent bids received for the Parks/Recreation Master Plan. He gave Council an update on this project and the process used for the Requests for Proposals ((RFP). Pike is recommending awarding the bid to an engineering firm by the name of Logan Simpson. Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Ogden that the bid be awarded to Logan Simpson in the amount of \$76,994.00. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Director Pike spoke to Council about a recent survey he'd done with several other cities concerning their pool admission and swim lesson fees. Following the results of the survey, Pike is recommending an increase to our fee schedule for the pool. Following a brief discussion, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the new Pool Fee Schedule as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger appeared before Council to review the November and December 2017 water and wastewater reports with Council. Sollenberger did mention that the Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) has extended the deadline for cities/towns to comply with new regulations. The CDPHE did this so municipalities will have more time to plan for the financial impact of these future changes.

Parks/Recreation Director Pike appeared again to review his annual report with Council. He addressed comments and questions from Council concerning the report.

Under audience comments, Kathy Fagan appeared before Council to thank them and city Staff for allowing the Craig Seniors to use the city van to travel to Meeker twice a week for swimming at the Meeker recreation center. Dave Wallace offered comments on the police t speed trailer.

City Manager Foreman discussed several items with Council. Among them, he mentioned the recent refinancing of water bonds and that the financial consultant lowered their fess by about \$8,000 from their original request. He let Council know that DOLA has submitted their contract for the Parks/Recreation Master Plan grant for review and signatures. Finally, Staff has been working on a strategic plan for vacant and dilapidated houses for a future presentation to Council.

City Council reported on various meetings and events. Several council members reminded everyone of the annual Art Walk to be held downtown on Saturday, February 10th.

At this time, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to retire to executive session. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to return to open session and to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried. No official action was taken during the session.