

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018  
MINUTES**

Mayor John Ponikvar brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of January 2018. In addition to Mayor Ponikvar, those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, Andrea Camp, Derek Duran, Jarrod Ogden and Councilman Tony Bohrer. Councilman Joe Bird was 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 Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2017, meeting as presented. Ayes 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2018, special meeting. Ayes 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$344,409.77. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the renewal of a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Fiesta Jalisco located at 410 Ranney St., Craig. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

In the Audience section, Amanda Arnold of Moffat County United Way and several other directors of non-profit agencies appeared before Council to discuss current and future funding for HRC. Some of the directors that attended were David Pressgrove Bear River Life, Karen Brown of the Community Budget Center, Pat Jones director of Love Inc., Betsy Overton of Connections 4 Kids and Vicki Van Couvering from the Yampa Valley Pregnancy and Family Center. Council will take the matter under consideration at a special workshop and meeting on February 27, 2018.

Mayor Ponikvar presented a letter of support for an air permit requested by Colowyo Coal for the Collum project expansion. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Ogden, to approve a letter of support for the Collum Expansion project at Colowyo Coal to be signed by all Councilmembers. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger appeared before Council to discuss the bid proposals for a water/wastewater rate study. He said that five (5) proposals were received and Staff is recommending that Council award the bid to Raftelis Financial Consultants (RFC). Following a brief discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to award the

water/wastewater rate study to Raftelis Financial Corporation (RFC) not to exceed \$49,794.00  
Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At the beginning of each year, the City must post an official notice of their regular posting place and their official newspaper. After a brief discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve Resolution No. 1 (2018) designating the official posting place for posting meetings' notices as the bulletin board located between the inner and outer doors of the West Entrance to the City Hall Building located at 300 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Craig, CO 81625. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Following a brief discussion on the official newspaper for the City, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Duran to declare the Craig Press as the official newspaper for the City of Craig. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Interim Chief DeLong presented the monthly police report. He indicated that two new officers had been hired, one who will eventually step into the School Resource Officer position and the other is just starting his training at the police academy in Glenwood Springs.

During audience comments, Aletha Dove and Cindy Wright, sisters who are forming a new group around their interests in horses – especially the wild horses of Sand Wash Basin. They are trying to spread the word about this new group.

City Attorney Romney spoke about the refinancing of our water bonds. He reminded Council of a special Council meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, on Ordinance No. 1071 related to this refinancing of the bonds. He also indicated that Council will be presented with choices for appointing two citizens to the LMD board on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Foreman reviewed several items in his board report. He met with County staff to discuss a variety of trails on Cedar Mountain and proposed changes to Loudy Simpson Park. He also met with DOLA twice this month to discuss Broadband and a grant related to it. They also discussed possible future grants for recreational, water and sewer grant.

Council commented on various items and events at this time.

There being no further business, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to adjourn the meeting.