

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 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 December 2018. In addition to Mayor Ponikvar, those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, Andrea Camp, Derek Duran, Jarrod Ogden, Tony Bohrer and Joe Bird. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Chief of Police Jerry Delong, Water/Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger, Parks and Recreation Director Dave Pike, Public Works Director Randy Call, Building Official Marlin Eckhoff and City Clerk Liz White.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2018 meeting Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve payments of bills for the month of November 2018 totaling \$391,612.36. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item 9B, a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 1080. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public comment was heard from several residents on a variety of topics and council was given an update regarding the Shop Local Program through the Craig Chamber of Commerce.

Arloa Gerber and Ann Dodd from the Augusta Wallihan Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented before council a proclamation declaring December 15, 2018 as Bill of Rights Day. After the proclamation was read aloud, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the proclamation declaring December 15, 2018 as Bill of Rights Day. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the Consent Agenda which included the approval of a Special Events Permit from the Craig Rotary for the Diamonds and Spurs Dinner and Dance event to be held on January 26, 2019. Approval of setting a Public Hearing during the January 8, 2019 council meeting for an application for a Brew Pub License for Aylor, Inc. dba as Yampa Valley Brewing Company-Barrel Cathedral. Approval of setting a Public Hearing during the January 8, 2018 council meeting to inform citizens and solicit public input, written and oral, regarding the 2019 Water System Improvement Project. Approval of setting a Public Hearing during the January 22, 2019 council meeting for Ordinance No. 1082 (2018) ~ an ordinance Adopting New Landfill Fees for Residential and Commercial Refuse Collection. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Councilman Bohrer was absent from the vote.

Mayor Ponikvar opened the Public Hearing held with regard to Ordinance No. 1081 (2018) ~ an ordinance amending sections 13.48.010 and 13.16.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase

the water and wastewater rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of water and wastewater enterprise funds.. City Manager Brixius gave a brief overview of ordinance and then Mayor Ponikvar opened the floor for public comment. Finance Director Nelson and residents Darryl Sparks and Dave Wallace offered comment. After no other public input was given, the Public Hearing was closed.

Finance Director Nelson presented for Second Reading Ordinance No. 1081 (2018) an ordinance amending sections 13.48.010 and 13.16.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the water and wastewater rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of water and wastewater enterprise funds. After further discussion, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve on second reading Ordinance No. 1081 (2018) an ordinance amending sections 13.48.010 and 13.16.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the water and wastewater rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of water and wastewater enterprise funds. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Ponikvar opened the Public Hearing held with regard to Ordinance No. 1080 (2018) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2019 Budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies for the city of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January 2019 and ending the thirty-first day of December 2019. The floor was open for public comment and comment was received from resident Darryl Sparks. Being there no other comments voiced, the hearing was closed.

Finance Director Nelson presented for Second Reading Ordinance No. 1080 (2018) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2019 Budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies for the city of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January 2019 and ending the thirty-first day of December 2019. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve on second reading of Ordinance No. 1080 (2018) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2019 Budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies for the city of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January 2019 and ending the thirty-first day of December 2019. Ayes: 2. Nays: 5. Motion failed. Councilmembers Ogden, Camp, Bohrer, Bird and Mayor Ponikvar voted in the negative.

Councilman Nichols moved to make a motion to keep \$150,000 in the council budget earmarked for economic development projects. After no second motion was made, the motion failed.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve on Second Reading Ordinance No. 1080 (2018) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2019 Budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies for the city of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January 2019 and ending the thirty-first day of December 2019 with the deletion of an Economic Development department and putting \$162,800 into the council line item for economic development and have a defined plan in place for the funds by the end of February 2019. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion passed. Councilman Nichols voted in the negative.

Finance Director Nelson introduced Ordinance No. 1082 (2018) ~ an ordinance adopting New Landfill Fees for Residential and Commercial Refuse Collection. Since this was only an introduction, no motions were made.

Mayor Ponikvar brought for discussion and possible approval to disallow the second council meeting in December, which would be December 25, 2018. After further discussion, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to disallow the second meeting in December and reconvene on January 8, 2018 regular council meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Chief Delong presented the November 2018 police report and commented on Officer Mendoza's lifesaving award to be presented at the January 8, 2019 council meeting.

City Manager Brixius offered comments regarding economic development and downtown revitalization. He also mentioned meetings he attended or will be attending in the near future.

City Attorney Romney commented on the affidavit for the initiative seeking to put a proposed ordinance on the ballot in April for retail marijuana and the pool committee who wants to get support for a recreation district is seeking to retain their own counsel. City Attorney Romney assured council that there was no conflict of interest and was waiving any conflicts.

Public comment was given by residents of Craig on various topics.

Council members discussed meetings and events in which they participated or that will take place soon.

Being no further business, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.