



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
MINUTES**

Mayor Jarrod Ogden brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the second regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of September 2020. In addition to Mayor Ogden, those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, Andrea Camp, Ryan Hess, Paul James and Steven Mazzuca. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Director Trevor Campbell, Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Dennison, Water/Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger, Building Official Marlin Eckhoff, Chief of Police Jerry Delong, Museum Director Dan Davidson and City Clerk Liz White. Councilman Tony Bohrer was absent.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item 8G. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

No Public Comment was given.

James Rae, CPA from the Adams Group presented to council the 2019 Audit Report for the City of Craig. No major concerns were cited.

Mayor Ogden opened the Public Hearing with regard to a Retail Marijuana Store application for High Ways LLC dba High Ways Dispensary located at 2255 West Victory Way, Craig.

The floor was then open for public comment.

Public comment was given by Robert Haddock and Dustin Kemp.

Being no further public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Ogden presented for approval a Retail Marijuana Store Application from High Ways LLC dba as Highways Dispensary located at 2255 West Victory Way, Craig. After further discussion, Councilman Mazzuca moved with a second by Councilman Hess to approve the Retail Marijuana Store Application from High Ways LLC dba as Highways Dispensary located at 2255 West Victory Way, Craig pending the addition of a security fence to be approved by the city. Ayes: 2. Nays: 3. Motion failed. Councilman James abstained from the vote.

Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Director Campbell presented to council for approval the lowest evaluated bid for Professional Engineering Services to Landmark Consulting, Inc for the Yampa Avenue Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$87,190.00. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve lowest evaluated bid for

Professional Engineering Services to Landmark Consulting, Inc. for the Yampa Avenue Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$87,190.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for discussion and approval the submission of a \$200,000 DOLA EIAF Tier 1 Grant request to the Department of Local Affairs in support of a Sewer Line Replacement Project totaling \$411,628.58 in 2021 for 1003 LF of 8" VC Pipe in the alley between Steele and Stout Streets and from 9th Street to Stout Street including manhole lining improvements. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to approve the submission of a \$200,000 DOLA EIAF Tier 1 Grant request to the Department of Local Affairs in support of a Sewer Line Replacement project totaling \$411,628.58 in 2021 for 1003 LF of 8" VC Pipe in the alley between Steele and Stout Streets and from 9th Street to Stout Street including manhole lining improvements. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for discussion and approval the submission of a \$521,985.05 DOLA EIAF Tier 1 Grant request to the Department of Local Affairs in support of a Water Distribution Line Replacement Project totaling \$1,043,970.09. After further discussion, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to approve the submission of a \$521,985.05 DOLA EIAF Tier 1 Grant request to the Department of Local Affairs in support of a Water Distribution Line Replacement Project totaling \$1,043,970.09. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for discussion and approval the submission of a DOLA EIAF Tier 2 Grant request to the Department of Local Affairs for the development, construction and distribution of power generated from a 2 megawatt solar generation field based on the results of a feasibility being completed for the Jurisdiction Partners by Ameresco, a designated Energy Service Company and endorsed by the Colorado Energy Office. After further discussion, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to approve submission of a DOLA EIAF Tier 2 Grant request to the Department of Local Affairs for the development, construction and distribution of power generated from a 2 megawatt solar generation field based on the results of a feasibility being completed for the Jurisdiction Partners by Ameresco, a designated Energy Service Company and endorsed by the Colorado Energy Office. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Building Official Eckhoff presented to council for discussion, guidance and action with regard to the buffering requirements for a property located at 1135 East Highway 40, Craig. The property was intended for use as a Retail Marijuana Store location. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to define the Moffat County Fairgrounds as a park with the city limits of Craig and to give that recommendation to staff. Ayes: 4. Nays: 1. Motion carried. Councilman James abstained from the vote.

City Manager Brixius presented to council for discussion and action to approve the Lease Assignment from Clean Energy Collective (CEC) to Yampa Valley Electric Association (YVEA) with no changes to the lease term and lease conditions. This action is necessitated by the business closure of CEC. After further discussion, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to approve the Lease Assignment from Clean Energy Collective (CEC) to Yampa Valley Electric Association (YVEA) with no changes to the lease term and lease conditions. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger presented to council the August 2020 Water and Wastewater reports.

Finance Director Nelson presented to council the financial reports for the month of August 2020.

City Manager Brixius updated the group on meetings he attended or will be attending soon. He offered additional comments about the upcoming 2021 Budget Planning Session which will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Craig Chamber-Moffat County Visitor Center located at 775 Yampa Avenue.

City Attorney Cannon gave a brief update on projects she has been working on and also offered comments regarding the Restorative Justice Program.

Following some brief reports and comments by council, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.