



**COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2021
MINUTES**

Mayor Jarrod Ogden brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of July 2021. In addition to Mayor Ogden, those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, Andrea Camp, Ryan Hess, Paul James, Bruce Cummings and Steven Mazzuca. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, Finance Director Katy Burns, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Interim Chief of Police Michael Cochran, Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott and City Clerk Liz White.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Cummings moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2021, council meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to approve the payment of bills through July 8, 2021, in the amount of \$922,477.85. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Hess moved with a second by Councilman James to amend the agenda to move Item 9C to follow Item 9A and then Item 9B will follow. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment was given by resident Ken Wergin and Shaun Hadley.

Municipal Judge Jay Cranmer administered the Oath of Office to Nathan Businger as the new Police Sergeant for the City of Craig.

Amber Delay and Kathy Bockelman from Grand Futures Prevention Coalition gave a presentation on the risks and considerations for approving a cannabis consumption lounge in Moffat County.

Eric Miller, Certified Public Accountant for the Adams Group, LLC gave the 2020 Audit Report for the City of Craig.

The Consent Agenda was presented for approval by each individual item. Councilman Mazzuca moved with a second by Councilman James to approve Consent Agenda Item 7A which was a renewal for a Fermented Malt Beverage License from Mini Mart, Inc. dba Loaf 'N Jug #869 located at 2441 West Victory Way, Craig. No cause was shown for denial. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Hess to approve Item 7B which was a Special Events Permit from the Craig Chamber of Commerce for an event to take place on August 5th and 6th 2021 at the Moffat County Fairgrounds from 11:00 a.m. to midnight on both days. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Ogden closed the regular session and opened the Public Hearing regarding the designation of the Craig Urban Renewal Authority Areas and the adoption of the Craig Urban Renewal Plans. Carolynne White from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck gave a presentation regarding Craig Urban Renewal Plans.

Public Comment regarding the Public Hearing was given by Mike Anson.

Being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed, and Mayor Ogden opened the regular session.

Economic Development Manager Scott presented for approval Resolution No. 17 (2021) ~ a resolution approving the Conditions Survey for the Craig URA #1 Craig Urban Renewal Area, finding that blight exists within the Craig URA #1 Urban Renewal Area, making certain Legislative Findings, and approving the Craig URA #1 Urban Renewal Area. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Cummings to approve Resolution No. 17 (2021) ~ a resolution approving the Conditions Survey for the Craig URA #1 Craig Urban Renewal Area, finding that blight exists within the Craig URA #1 Urban Renewal Area, making certain Legislative Findings, and approving the Craig URA #1 Urban Renewal Area. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion carried.

Per the Amended Agenda, Item 9C was presented for approval.

Economic Development Manager Scott presented for approval Resolution No. 19 (2021) ~ a resolution approving Conditions Survey for the Craig URA #2 Urban Renewal Area, finding that blight exists within the Craig URA #2 Urban Renewal Area, making certain Legislative Findings, and approving the Craig URA #2 Urban Renewal Area. After further discussion, Councilman Hess moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to move Resolution No. 19 (2021) ~ a resolution approving Conditions Survey for the Craig URA #2 Urban Renewal Area, finding that blight exists within the Craig URA #2 Urban Renewal Area, making certain Legislative Findings, and approving the Craig URA #2 Urban Renewal Area to the August 24, 2021 scheduled council meeting pending further information. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Finance Director Burns presented for approval Resolution No. 18 (2021) ~ a resolution appropriating additional funds in the General Fund for funding towards for the Regional Solar Garden. After further discussion, Councilman Cummings moved with a second by Councilman James to approve Resolution No. 18 (2021) ~ a resolution appropriating additional funds in the General Fund for funding towards for the Regional Solar Garden. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented to council for approval a DOLA Renewable and Clean Energy Initiative (HB21-1253) grant application with a funding request of \$900,000.00 in additional support for the Craig Regional Solar Utility Development Project. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve the DOLA Renewable and Clean Energy Initiative (HB21-1253) grant application with a funding request of \$900,000.00 in additional support for the Craig Regional Solar Utility Development Project. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Cannon presented the (Introduction) of Ordinance No. 1124 (2021) ~ an ordinance an ordinance amending Section 5.70.000 of the Craig Municipal code to include requirements for renewal of Retail Marijuana Licenses and Fees. Since this is just an introduction, no motions were

made or received. City Attorney Cannon received further instructions regarding authority for the City Clerk to approve renewals and Special Events Permits for Liquor Licenses where there is no cause for denial.

Building Official Eckhoff presented to council for approval a site plan for a Sonic Drive Inn to be located at 1950 West Victory Way. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve the site plan for a Sonic Drive Inn to be located at 1950 West Victory Way. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Interim Police Chief Cochran gave the monthly Police Report for the month of June 2021. He offered comments regarding the CSO and Police interviews and announced that Nathan Businger and Brian Soper were the department's new Police Sergeants.

Economic Development Manager Scott gave council an update on projects she is currently working on since joining the City of Craig in April of this year.

City Manager Brixius updated the group on meetings he attended or will be attending soon. He discussed the Downtown Sidewalk and Yampa River Corridor Projects.

City Councilmembers discussed various meetings and events in which they participated in or will take place soon. Kudos were given to city staff for all their hard work.

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