



**COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021
MINUTES**

Mayor Ryan Hess brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of December 2021. In addition to Mayor Hess, those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, Sean Hovorka, Jesse James Jackson and Steven Mazzuca. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, Finance Director Katy Burns, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Police Chief Michael Cochran, Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott, Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Director Trevor Campbell and City Clerk Liz White. Councilmembers Bruce Cummings and Paul James were absent.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Residents Jayne Morley, Vicki Huyser, James Mathey and Mark Parchman gave Public Comment.

Municipal Judge Jay Cramer administer the Oath of Office to Wacie Laabs as a new Police Officer for the City of Craig.

Councilman Mazzuca moved with a second by Councilman Hovorka to change the order of the agenda to start with Item 6C through Item 7A and finish with Items 6A, 6B and 7B to accommodate the Police Chief's travel plans. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried

Councilman Mazzuca moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. It included the approval of minutes from the November 23, 2021 council meeting, approval of bills through December 9, 2021 in the amount of \$423,081.33, and the approval of the agenda as modified. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Finance Director Burns presented for approval Resolution No. 25 (2021) ~ a resolution of the City of Craig approving the use of ARPA funding for compensation, benefits, housing meals, transportation and tuition to provide for 4 cadets to obtain POST Certification. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to approve Resolution No. 25 (2021) ~ a resolution of the City of Craig approving the use of ARPA funding for compensation, benefits, housing meals, transportation and tuition to provide for 4 cadets to obtain POST Certification. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Cochran presented for approval Resolution No. 26 (2021) ~ a resolution appropriating additional funds in the General Fund for the purchase of 8 Kenwood Viking Radios for the Craig Police department. After further discussion, Councilman Mazzuca moved with a second by Councilman Hovorka to approve Resolution No. 26 (2021) ~ a resolution appropriating additional funds in the General Fund for the purchase of 8 Kenwood Viking Radios for the Craig Police department. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Cochran presented for approval a sole source bid award for firearms from Proforce Law Enforcement in the amount of \$45,781.58. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to approve the source bid award for firearms from Proforce Law Enforcement in the amount of \$45,781.58. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Cochran gave the monthly Police Report for the month of November 2021.

A discussion was presented to council regarding the cancellation of the second council meeting in December. After further discussion, Councilman Mazzuca moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to cancel the second council meeting in December and resume on January 11, 2022. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented to council for discussion the appointment of councilmembers to various board appointments. After further discussion, Councilman Mazzuca moved with a second by Councilman Hovorka to table the discussion regarding the board appointments until a work session could be held on January 11, 2022, prior to the council meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott gave her 4th quarter and year-end report for 2021.

City Manager Brixius updated the group on meetings he attended or will be attending soon along with various project updates. Kudos were given to HR/Personnel staff for their efforts in implementing the safety/training programs which helped in the reduction of the 2022 Workers' Compensation premiums by \$50,000. Kudos to Melanie Kilpatrick for her efforts in producing the Police Recruit flyer.

City Councilmembers discussed various meetings and events in which they participated in or will take place soon.

Being no further business, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Mazzuca to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.