



**COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2023
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 May 2023. In addition to Mayor Hess, those present were Councilmembers Jesse James Jackson, Derek Duran, Paul James and Tom Kleinschnitz. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, Finance Director Katy Burns, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Museum Director Dan Davidson and City Clerk Liz White.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Liz White took councilmember roll call. Those present were Councilmembers Jesse James Jackson, Derek Duran, Paul James, Tom Kleinschnitz and Mayor Ryan Hess. Councilman Chris Nichols was absent. Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman James to excuse the absence of Councilmember Chris Nichols for a prior engagement. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. It included the approval of minutes from the April 25, 2023, council meeting and the approval of bills through May 5, 2023, in the amount of \$424,390.68. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman James with a second by Councilman Duran to amend the May 9, 2023, agenda to include Item 8D: Discussion and consensus of the council to consider supporting gap funding for the 8th Street Redevelopment Project in the form of a short term – low interest loan. Gap funding could be in the range of \$800,000 - \$2,000,000 dependent on the total grant awards for the project. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius updated the group on current and future meetings and projects.

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

Scott Lang, Nathan Butler and Vicki Huyser gave public comment.

Mayor Hess directed councilmembers to select a candidate from the top two highest garnishing votes that were nominated by the nomination committee at the work session prior to the council meeting. Interviews were conducted and all candidates were entered into the nomination process at the work session. The nomination committee could nominate as many of the candidates as they wanted, with the consensus to nominate the two with the highest garnishing votes. The two highest garnishing votes went to Vicki Huyser with 5 nominations and Randy Looper with 5 nominations. The candidates selected would continue to the council meeting for voting. Councilmembers were instructed to put their name on the ballot and vote for only one candidate; Randy Looper or Vicki Huyser. The ballots were given to City Clerk Liz White to tabulate. The count was three for Vicki Huyser and two for Randy Looper. Voting went as followed: Councilmember Jackson voted for Vicki Huyser, Mayor Hess voted for Vicki Huyser, Councilman Duran voted for Randy Looper, Councilman James voted for Vicki Huyser and Councilman Kleinschnitz voted for Randy Looper. Vicki Huyser will fill the vacant seat left by Sean Hovorka until the November 7, 2023

Municipal Election. Municipal Judge Jay Cranmer administered the Oath of Office to Vicki Huyser as the new councilmember and she took her place at the dais.

Museum Director Davidson presented Resolution No. 13 (2023) ~ a resolution appropriating additional funds in the Museum Fund for the digitization of Yampa Valley Flashes Project for \$4,850.00. After further discussion, Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve Resolution No. 13 (2023) ~ a resolution appropriating additional funds in the Museum Fund for the digitization of Yampa Valley Flashes Project for \$4,850.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for discussion and consensus of the council to consider supporting gap funding for the 8th Street Redevelopment Project in the form of a short term-low interest loan. Gap funding could be in the range of \$800,000 - \$2,000,000 dependent on the total grant awards for the project. After further discussion by council, it was the consensus of councilmembers present to give support and guidance to City Manager Brixius for gap funding in the range of \$800,000 - \$2,000,000 dependent on the total grant awards for the 8th Street Redevelopment Project. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

No public comment was given.

Museum Director Davidson gave the Museum quarterly update.

Closing remarks were given by Councilman James and Mayor Hess.

Being no further business, Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Duran to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.