



**COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2022  
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 2022. In addition to Mayor Hess, those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, Jesse James Jackson, Derek Duran, and Tom Kleinschnitz. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, Finance Director Katy Burns, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Police Chief Michael Cochran, Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott, Building Official Marlin Eckhoff and City Clerk Liz White.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Liz White took councilmember roll call. Those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, Jesse James Jackson, Derek Duran, Paul James, Tom Kleinschnitz and Mayor Ryan Hess.

Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to excuse the absence of Councilman Hovorka due to weather-related issues. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. It included the approval of minutes from the November 22, 2022, council meeting and the approval of bills through December 9, 2022, in the amount of \$330,588.48. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman James to approve the December 13, 2022, agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Cochran administered the Oath of Office to Nicolas Cordova as the newest Police Officer for the City of Craig.

Chief of Police Cochran presented a Life Saving Award to Police Corporal Grant Laehr for his outstanding police performance in the saving of a human life on November 6, 2022.

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.

Vicki Huyser gave Public Comment.

City Attorney Cannon presented for approval the Introduction/First Reading of Ordinance No. 1138 (2022) ~ an ordinance amending Section 10.04.020 of the Craig Municipal Code to modify/exempt the Penalty Section of the Model Traffic Code. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman James to approve the Introduction/First Reading of Ordinance No. 1138 (2022) ~ an ordinance amending Section 10.04.020 of the Craig Municipal Code to modify/exempt the Penalty Section of the Model Traffic Code. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Building Official Eckhoff presented for approval the Introduction/First Reading of Ordinance No. 1139 (2022) ~ an ordinance adopting text amendments to the City of Craig Municipal Code, Title 15, Chapter 16. After further discussion, Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to approve the Introduction/First Reading of Ordinance No. 1139 (2022) ~ an ordinance adopting text amendments to the City of Craig Municipal Code, Title 15, Chapter 16. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Building Official Eckhoff presented for approval the (Introduction/First Reading) of Ordinance No. 1140 (2022) ~ an ordinance revising Title 16, Chapters 1 and 3 of the Craig Municipal Code for purposes of affordable housing needs. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman James to approve the Introduction/First Reading of Ordinance No. 1140 (2022) ~ an ordinance revising Title 16, Chapters 1 and 3 of the Craig Municipal Code for purposes of affordable housing needs. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor presented for discussion the cancellation of the second council meeting in December. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman James to approve the cancellation of the second council meeting in December and will reconvene at the regularly scheduled meeting on January 10, 2023. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Hess presented for approval a proclamation proclaiming December 15, 2022 as Jerry and Sue Thompson Day for their contributions on behalf of the Citizens of Craig and Moffat County. After the proclamation was read, Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the proclamation proclaiming December 15, 2022 as Jerry and Sue Thompson Day for their contributions on behalf of the Citizens of Craig and Moffat County. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

No Public Comment was given.

Police Chief Cochran gave the monthly Police Report for the month of November 2022.

Economic Development Manager Scott provided the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reports for 2022.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Duran to move from Regular Session and move into Executive Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) to discuss negotiations for the purchase of property located at TBD West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Craig, Colorado.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Duran to move from Executive Session back into Regular Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

No closing remarks were made.

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