



**COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 28, 2023
MINUTES**

Mayor Ryan Hess brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the second regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of March 2023. In addition to Mayor Hess, those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, Sean Hovorka, Jesse James Jackson, Derek Duran and Paul James. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, Finance Director Katy Burns, City Attorney Heather Cannon, 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, Sean Hovorka, Jesse James Jackson, Derek Duran, Paul James and Mayor Ryan Hess. Councilmember Tom Kleinschnitz was absent. Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Hovorka to excuse the absence of Councilman Kleinschnitz. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Hovorka moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the Consent Agenda as presented that included the approval of the minutes from the March 14th council meeting as well as approval of the bills through March 24, 2023, in the amount of \$462,890.41. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Hovorka to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. 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. Councilman Hovorka resigned from City Council effective March 28, 2023.

Public comments were given by Ken Wergin, Ethan Leiberman, Vicki Huyser, Trina Tousley and Jessica Foberg.

Mayor Hess closed the Regular Session and moved into Public Hearing.

(Second Reading) Ordinance No. 1141 (2023) ~ an ordinance amending Title 1 Chapter 1.08.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to include useful public service as a penalty for violation of the Craig Municipal Code.

The floor was now open for public comment.

Vicki Huyser gave comment in favor of the ordinance.

(Second Reading) Ordinance No. 1142 (2023) ~ an ordinance amending Title 9 Chapter 9.04.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to include useful public service as a penalty for violation of the Craig Municipal Code.

The floor was now open for public comment.

Resident Ken Wergin gave comment in favor of the ordinance.

Consider approval of a Conditional Use Permit request from Curt Weiss to allow self-storage units to be constructed at 444 and 458 Mack Lane, aka Mon-Kim Business Park, Lot 1 less Lot 1A of Kum & Go Store #902 and Lot 2. Councilman Duran left the dais and public hearing due to conflict of interest.

Building Official Eckhoff gave a brief overview of the Conditional Use Permit.

The floor was now open for public comment.

Residents Vicki Huyser offered comments in favor and Lynn Stevens offered comment requesting further information regarding the Conditional Use Permit.

Consider approval of a Conditional Use Permit request by Christy Farmer for 590 West 7th Avenue, Craig, Colorado 81625 to increase the maximum number of children from six to nine at the applicants in-home childcare facility.

Building Official Eckhoff gave a brief overview of the Conditional Use Permit.

The floor was now open for public comment.

Resident Vicki Huyser offered comment in favor of the Conditional Use Permit.

Being no further public comment, the Public Hearing was closed, and council returned to the Regular Session.

City Attorney Cannon presented the (Second Reading) of Ordinance No. 1141 (2023) ~ an ordinance amending Title 1 Chapter 1.08.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to include useful public service as a penalty for violation of the Craig Municipal Code. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to approve the (Second Reading) of Ordinance No. 1141 (2023) ~ an ordinance amending Title 1 Chapter 1.08.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to include useful public service as a penalty for violation of the Craig Municipal Code. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Cannon presented the (Second Reading) of Ordinance No. 1142 (2023) an ordinance amending Title 9 Chapter 9.04.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to include useful public service as a penalty for violation of the Craig Municipal Code. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman James to approve the (Second Reading) of Ordinance No. 1142 (2023) an ordinance amending Title 9 Chapter 9.04.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to include useful public service as a penalty for violation of the Craig Municipal Code. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Building Official Eckhoff presented for approval a Conditional Use Permit request from Curt Weiss to allow self-storage units to be constructed at 444 and 458 Mack Lane, aka Mon-Kim Business Park, Lot 1 less Lot 1A of Kum & Go Store #902 and Lot 2. Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Hovorka to enter into discussion regarding the Conditional Use Permit. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Conditional Use Permit request from Curt Weiss to allow self-storage units to be constructed at 444 and 458 Mack Lane, aka Mon-Kim Business Park, Lot 1 less Lot 1A of Kum & Go Store #902 and Lot 2 to include the recommendations from Planning and Zoning; numbers 2 and 3; and include: a drainage plan to

include the original Craig Storage lot, if feasible, regarding drainage into Mack Lane. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Councilman Duran abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Building Official Eckhoff presented for approval a Conditional Use Permit request from Christy Farmer for 590 West 7th Avenue, Craig, Colorado 81625 to increase the maximum number of children from six to nine at the applicants in-home childcare facility. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Conditional Use Permit request from Christy Farmer for 590 West 7th Avenue, Craig, Colorado 81625 to increase the maximum number of children from six to nine at the applicants in-home childcare facility. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Cannon presented for approval Resolution No. 8 (2023) ~ a resolution approving the formation and operation of a Useful Public Service program. After further discussion, Councilman James moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve Resolution No. 8 (2023) ~ a resolution approving the formation and operation of a Useful Public Service program. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

A discussion was entered to decide the direction to follow for the council vacancy after the resignation of Sean Hovorka. It was decided to immediately publish and accept letters of interest from City of Craig residents.

Public comment was given by Vicki Huyser.

Finance Director Burns gave the Finance reports for January and February 2023.

Building Official Eckhoff offered closing remarks regarding the property maintenance code and apartments around town.

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