

COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Nichols brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of September 2023. In addition to Mayor Pro Tem Nichols, those present were Councilmembers Vicki Huyser, Jesse James Jackson, Randy Looper, and Tom Kleinschnitz. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Interim Finance Director Bruce Nelson, Police Chief Michael Cochran, Parks & Recreation Director Ryan Dennison, 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 Vicki Huyser, Jesse James Jackson, Randy Looper and Tom Kleinschnitz and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Nichols. Councilman Jackson moved with a second by Councilman Looper to excuse the absence of Councilmember Paul James and Mayor Derek Duran due to illness. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Huyser moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the approval of the minutes from the August 22nd council meeting as well as approval of the bills through September 8, 2023, in the amount of \$587,235.90. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Jackson moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Thomas Sweeney representing RWE Clean Energy discussed with council the Gain-Voucher Application for funding of the SMR Feasibility Studies at the Craig Power Station.

Police Chief Cochran administered the Oath of Office to Gregory Tuliszewski as the newest member of the Craig Police department.

Jaimie Fraipont Dasziewicz representing Open Heart Advocates gave council an update on their current structure and changes at Open Heart Advocates.

Mikail Kaminer representing Fehr and Peers gave council an update on the Regional Transportation Authority.

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.

No public comment was given.

City Clerk White presented for approval a Notice of Election for the 2023 Coordinated Election. Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Notice of Election for the 2023 Coordinated Election. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennison presented for approval the applications presented to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the applications presented to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for approval a Letter of Support for the GAIN-Voucher Application for funding the Feasibility Studies at the Craig Power Station. After further discussion, Councilman Jackson motioned with a second by Councilwoman Huyser to approve the GAIN-Voucher Application for funding the Feasibility Studies at the Craig Power Station. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius presented for approval the Craig-Moffat County Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project bid per the recommendation from Armstrong for Schedules I, II and III in the amount of \$228,563.72. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Craig-Moffat County Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project bid per the recommendation from Armstrong for Schedules I, II and III in the amount of \$228,563.72. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

No public comment was given.

Police Chief Cochran gave the Police Report for August 2023.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennison gave a department update.

Building Official Eckhoff gave the department quarterly update.,

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