



**COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2023
MINUTES**

Mayor Derek Duran brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of October 2023. In addition to Mayor Derek Duran, those present were Councilmembers Chris Nichols, 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, Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott 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, Vicki Huyser, Jesse James Jackson, Randy Looper, Tom Kleinschnitz and Mayor Derek Duran. Mayor Duran acknowledged Councilman James absence and his resignation as councilmember effective immediately. He thanked him for his years of service to the City of Craig.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilwoman Huyser to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the approval of the minutes from the September 26th council meeting, the approval of the bills through October 6, 2023, in the amount of \$809,338.91, the approval of a letter of interest from Steve Hinkemeyer to serve as the city representative on the Yampa-White-Green Basin Roundtable for another five-year term and approval of a letter of interest from Justin Kawcak to be reappointed as city representative on the Moffat County Local Marketing District for another three-year term.. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Brixius and Mayor Duran presented a Special Recognition to Police Chief Cochran for receiving the Law Enforcement Executive Recognition from the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police.

Doris Zimmerman was scheduled to appear for a discussion on elder housing but did not attend the meeting.

Lisa Jones, President of Colorado Northwestern Community College presented to council the 2023-2024 State of the College report.

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 discussion and approval of a renewal of a Liquor Store liquor license for Jimmy D's dba Eastside Liquors located at 539 East Victory Way, Craig CO for a liquor violation on August 15, 2023. After further discussion, Councilman Kleinschnitz moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the renewal of a liquor Store liquor license for Jimmy D's dba Eastside Liquors located at 539 East Victory Way, Craig CO. Ayes: 3. Nays: 2. Motion carried. Mayor Duran abstained from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest.

City Clerk White presented for discussion and approval of a renewal of a Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine liquor license for Kum & Go #1903, located at 700 East Victory Way, Craig, CO for a liquor violation on August 15, 2023. After further discussion, Councilman Kleinschnitz moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to approve the renewal of a Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine liquor license for Kum & Go #1903, located at 700 East Victory Way, Craig, CO. Ayes: 4. Nays: 1. Motion carried. Mayor Duran abstained from the vote.

City Manager Brixius presented for approval board appointments for a primary and an alternate to serve on the Colorado Municipal League Policy committee. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the board appointment for a primary to Councilmember Looper and Councilmember Kleinschnitz as the alternate to serve on the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presented for approval was Resolution No. 20 (2023) ~ a resolution approving the 2024 Strategic Plan and Budget from the Moffat County Local Marketing District. After further discussion, Councilman Kleinschnitz moved with a second by Councilman Nichols to approve Resolution No. 20 (2023) ~ a resolution approving the 2024 Strategic Plan and Budget from the Moffat County Local Marketing District. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Councilman Looper abstained from the discussion and vote.

No public comment was given.

Police Chief Cochran gave the Police Report for September 2023.

Economic Development Manager Scott presented the department quarterly update.,

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