



**COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2023
MINUTES**

Mayor Derek Duran brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the second regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of October 2023. In addition to Mayor 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, Senior Account Amanda Tomlinson, Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Dennison 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.

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 October 10, 2023 council meeting as well as approval of the bills through October 20, 2023, in the amount of \$269,233.35 and the approval of a letter of interest from Randy Kloos to serve another four-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the October 24, 2023, 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.

No public comment was given.

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

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1149 (2023) ~ Ordinance No. 1149 (2023) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2024 budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures, and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies, for the City of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January, 2024 and ending the thirty-first day of December, 2024.

The floor was now open for public comment.

No public comment was given.

Being no public comment, Mayor Duran closed Public Hearing and moved into the Regular Session.

Interim Finance Director Nelson presented for approval the Introduction and First Reading Ordinance No. 1148 (2023) ~ an ordinance amending sections 13.48.010 and 13.16.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the water and wastewater rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Introduction and First Reading Ordinance No. 1148 (2023) ~ an ordinance amending sections 13.48.010 and 13.16.010 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the water and wastewater rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds with a change in Section 1, A2 from \$3.50 to \$3.55. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Interim Finance Director Nelson presented for approval the Introduction and First Reading Ordinance No. 1149 (2023) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2024 budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures, and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies, for the City of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January, 2024 and ending the thirty-first day of December, 2024. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilwoman Huyser to approve the Introduction and First Reading Ordinance No. 1149 (2023) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2024 budget and setting appropriations for the revenues and expenditures, and making and fixing the amount of property tax levies, for the City of Craig, Colorado for and during the period beginning the first day of January, 2024 and ending the thirty-first day of December, 2024. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Cannon presented for approval Resolution No. 21 (2023) ~ a resolution declaring the City of Craig's decision to opt out of the Colorado Remote Public access to Criminal Court Proceedings. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilwoman Huyser to approve Resolution No. 21 (2023) ~ a resolution declaring the City of Craig's decision to opt out of the Colorado Remote Public access to Criminal Court Proceedings. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennison presented for approval from council to proceed with Rema Music and Clothing to secure entertainment for the 2024 Whittle the Wood Rendezvous. After further discussion, Councilman Kleinschnitz moved with a second by Councilwoman Huyser to approve and to proceed with Rema Music and Clothing to secure entertainment for the 2024 Whittle the Wood Rendezvous. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Duran moved from Regular Session into Executive Session.

Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Huyser to move from Executive Session back to Regular Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Duran moved from Executive Session back to Regular Session.

City Manager Brixius presented for approval Resolution No 22 (2023) ~ a resolution authorizing a Certificate of Deposit with Bank of Colorado and for use of the Certificate of Deposit as collateral for a line of credit to fund the Craig Housing Authority's 8th Street Project. After further discussion, Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve Resolution No 22 (2023) ~ a resolution authorizing a Certificate of Deposit with Bank of Colorado and for use of the Certificate of Deposit as collateral for a line of credit to fund the Craig Housing Authority's 8th Street Project. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

No discussions were scheduled.

No public comment was given.

Interim Finance Director Nelson gave the Financial report for September 2023.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennison gave an update on Alice Pleasant Park.

Councilman Nichols closing remark was to remember to fill in and return your ballots for the November 7, 2023 Election.

Councilman Nichols moved with a second by Councilman Looper to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.