



**COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2024
MINUTES**

Mayor Chris Nichols brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the second regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of February 2024. In addition to Mayor Nichols, those present were Councilmembers Nathan Butler, Derek Duran, Jesse James Jackson, Randy Looper, Andrea Camp and Luke Tucker. 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, Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray, Building Official Marlin Eckhoff, Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott, Police Chief Michael Cochran and City Clerk Liz White.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Liz White took councilmember roll call. Those present were Councilmembers Nathan Butler, Derek Duran, Jesse James Jackson, Randy Looper, Andrea Camp, Luke Tucker and Mayor Chris Nichols.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2024 council meeting as well as approval of the bills through February 23, 2024 in the amount of \$547,027.51 and a letter of resignation from Andrea Camp to resign from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Tucker to amend the January 23, 2024, agenda to remove the following items from the agenda: Items 7B and 7C and Items 8B and 8C. These items were removed so that more information and outreach to residents could be performed. This will include a workshop on March 4, 2024 and public outreach the week of March 18, 2024. After those discussions, the items omitted from the agenda today will be reintroduced on the March 26, 2024 agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

David Dragoo from Colorado Outdoors/Mayfly Outdoors gave council a presentation regarding the Craig Woodbury Workforce Housing Project.

Robert Duarte was scheduled for a discussion regarding the traffic around Sandrock Elementary School, but did not show up as scheduled.

Jason Miller representing Fehr and Peers gave council a Regional Transportation Authority update

Farrah Smilanich presented to council a presentation regarding opposition to rezoning the "open" property located along the intersection of First Street and Woodbury Drive to Residential High Density.

Corporal Grant Laehr, K-9 Unit Officer with the Craig Police department gave a presentation on the High Desert Police K-9 Association 2024 K9 Challenge to held in Craig, Colorado on May 18, 2024 at Moffat County High School.

City Manager Brixius updated the group on current and future meetings and projects and presented the Craig Housing Authority 2023 Annual report.

City Councilmembers discussed various meetings and events in which they participated in or will take place soon.

Numerous Craig residents gave public comments.

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

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1150 (2024) ~ a supplemental appropriation ordinance to carryover budgeted 2023 Projects or Commitments not accomplished in 2023 into the 2024 Budget.

No public comment was given.

Being no further public comment, Mayor Nichols closed Public Hearing and moved back into Regular Session

Interim Finance Director Nelson presented for approval the second reading of Ordinance No. 1150 (2024) ~ a supplemental appropriation ordinance to carryover budgeted 2023 Projects or Commitments not accomplished in 2023 into the 2024 Budget. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1150 (2024) ~ a supplemental appropriation ordinance to carryover budgeted 2023 Projects or Commitments not accomplished in 2023 into the 2024 Budget. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennison presented for approval an award of bid from Hill Construction in the amount of \$190,085.18 for baseball dugouts at Woodbury Sports Complex. After further discussion, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Tucker to approve the award of bid from Hill Construction in the amount of \$190,085.18 for baseball dugouts at Woodbury Sports Complex. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennison presented for approval an award of bid from Masterworks Mechanical in the amount of \$11,500.00 for a commercial rooftop unit for the Yampa Building located at 775 Yampa Avenue. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Butler to approve the bid from Masterworks Mechanical in the amount of \$11,500.00 for a commercial rooftop unit for the Yampa Building located at 775 Yampa Avenue. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennison presented for approval an award of bid from Masterworks Mechanical in the amount of \$29,000.00 for a commercial heating boiler and tank water heater for the Center of Craig located at 600 Yampa Avenue. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the bid from Masterworks Mechanical in the amount of \$29,000.00 for a commercial heating boiler and tank water heater for the Center of Craig located at 600 Yampa Avenue. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water and Wastewater Director Ray presented for approval an award of bid from Anson Excavating and Pipe in the amount of \$1,395,000.00 for the 2024 Sewer Replacements Project. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve the bid from Anson Excavating and Pipe in the amount of \$1,395,000.00 for the 2024 Sewer Replacements Project. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water and Wastewater Director Ray presented for approval an award of bid from Victory Motors of Craig for a one-ton pickup and extended warranty in the amount of \$38,295.00 and award of bid for a tommy lift, snow plow and trailer plug from O.J. Watson in the amount of \$16,690.64. After further discussion, Councilman Tucker moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the bid from Victory Motors of Craig for a one-ton pickup and extended warranty in the amount of \$38,295.00 and award of bid for a tommy lift, snow plow and trailer plug from O.J. Watson in the amount of \$16,690.64. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Cochran presented for approval an award of bid from Brannen Motors for a Ford Expedition Police Model vehicle in the amount of \$56,500.00 and two (2) Ford F150's Special Service vehicles in the amount of \$95,000.00 and upfit for the vehicles in the amount of \$40,876.00 for a total of \$192,376.00. After further discussion, Councilman Butler moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve the bid from Brannen Motors for a Ford Expedition Police Model vehicle in the amount of \$56,500.00 and two (2) Ford F150's Special Service vehicles in the amount of \$95,000.00 and upfit for the vehicles in the amount of \$40,876.00 for a total of \$192,376.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Cannon presented for approval Resolution No. 6 (2024) ~ a resolution of the Council of the City of Craig declaring the City of Craig as a Non-Sanctuary City. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Butler to approve Resolution No. 6 (2024) ~ a resolution of the Council of the City of Craig declaring the City of Craig as a Non-Sanctuary City. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Vicki Huyser gave public comment.

Water and Wastewater Director Ray gave the monthly reports for January 2024.

Interim Finance Director Nelson gave the 2023 year-end report.

Councilman Looper suggested to council that items already approved in the budget be moved out of "Other Business" and moved to the "Consent Agenda" to be approved in one motion. Council consensus was to apply this concept but have a \$500,000.00 threshold.

Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Duran to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.