



**COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 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 October 2024. In addition to Mayor Nichols, those present were Councilmembers Michelle Gottschall, Derek Duran, Jesse James Jackson, Randy Looper, Andrea Camp and Luke Tucker. Staff present were City Manager Peter Brixius, City Attorney Heather Cannon, Finance Director Mindy Elliott, Water and Wastewater Director Carl Ray, Economic Development Manager Shannon Scott, Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Director Shane Baker, and Deputy City Clerk Gina Duran.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy City Clerk Gina Duran took councilmember roll call. All members were present.

Councilman Jackson moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included the minutes from the council meeting on October 8, 2024, and the approval of the bills through October 18, 2024, in the amount of \$199,354.26. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the October 22, 2024, agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Economic Development Manager, Shannon Scott, acknowledged the 2024 Craig Business Plan contestants, EDAC members, and judges. The winners of the 2024 Craig Business Plan Competition were Jennifer and Paul Pieroni with Harmonie House in 1st place in the startup category, earning \$15,000 and Dan and Katie Johnston with Moffat County Customs in 1st place in the existing category, earning \$15,000.

City Manager Peter Brixius updated the council on current projects and meetings.

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

Public Comment was given by Jerry Magas and Randy Armstrong.

Mayor Nichols closed the Regular Session and opened Public Hearing.

Public Hearing regarding Ordinance No. 1155 (2024) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2025 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 2025 and ending the thirty-first day of December 2025.

Finance Director Elliot gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

The floor was now open for public comment.

No Public Comment was given.

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

Finance Director, Mindy Elliott presented for approval the (Introduction and First Reading) of Ordinance No. 1155 (2024) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2025 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 2025 and ending the thirty-first day of December 2025. After further discussion, Councilman Jackson moved with a second by Councilman Looper to approve the (First Reading-Public Hearing) Ordinance No. 1155 (2024) ~ an ordinance adopting the 2025 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, 2025 and ending the thirty-first day of December 2025. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Finance Director, Mindy Elliott presented for approval the (Introduction and First Reading) of Ordinance No. 1156 (2024) ~ an ordinance amending sections 13.48.010 and 13.16.010 and 13.32.020 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the Water and Wastewater rates and the Capital Investment Fees to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Gottschall to approve the (Introduction and First Reading) of Ordinance No. 1156 (2024) ~ an ordinance amending sections 13.48.010 and 13.16.010 and 13.32.020 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the Water and Wastewater rates and the Capital Investment Fees to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Finance Director, Mindy Elliott presented for approval the (Introduction and First Reading) of Ordinance No. 1157 (2024) ~ an ordinance amending Sections 8.04.250 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the Refuse Collection Fee Rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. After further discussion, Councilwoman Camp moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to approve the (Introduction and First Reading) of Ordinance No. 1157 (2024) ~ an ordinance amending Sections 8.04.250 of the Craig Municipal Code to increase the Refuse Collection Fee Rates to provide sufficient revenues to maintain the balance of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Heather Cannon presented for approval the (Introduction and First Reading) of Ordinance No. 1158 (2024) ~ an ordinance to levy and establish the percentage rate for additional sales tax on the sale of Retail Marijuana and Marijuana products in the City of Craig, Colorado. After further discussion, Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Tucker to approve the (Introduction and First Reading) of Ordinance No. 1158 (2024) ~ an ordinance to levy and establish the percentage rate for additional sales tax on the sale of Retail Marijuana and Marijuana products in the City of Craig, Colorado with an increase of 3%. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Discussion to approve legal funding support as an intervening party in the Xcel Energy ERP. After further discussion, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilwoman Camp to approve legal funding support as an intervening party in the Xcel Energy ERP. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Finance Director Elliott gave the Finance report for September 2024.

Water and Wastewater Director Ray gave the Water and Wastewater reports for September 2024.

Closing remarks: Mayor Nichols read three Thank You cards addressed to City Council regarding the support of the 2024 Moffat County 4-H Livestock Sale and one letter from Atmos Energy.

Being no further business, Councilman Looper moved with a second by Councilman Jackson to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.