

**CITY OF CRAIG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2024**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Kasey Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Hannah Bazinet, Shauna Thomas, Josh Bennett, Michael Kampnich, and Millie Schoonover. Chanel Mckinley was excused.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Meeting Minutes April 4, 2024

Ordinance 770, Amending Title 3, Revenue and Finance, Section 3.09.030, Transient Room Tax, and Providing for a Ballot Question Ratifying the Rate of the Tax

SCHOONOVER/BAZINET

Motion to adopt the consent agenda

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Resolution 24-08, Establishing Cemetery Rates

Resolution 24-09, Amending the City Personnel Rules to Make Elected Officials Ineligible for City Health Insurance

James See addressed concerns regarding his 2024 property assessment, particularly emphasizing inaccuracies in his lot size. Additionally, Mr. See raised concerns about the school board's budget deficit and the amount of funding being requested.

Josh Andrews, on behalf of the school board, thanked the city for the joint workshops. Mr. Andrews clarified that the school's budget deficit is not a result of mismanagement but rather the state's insufficient increase in BSA funding, which affects schools statewide.

Council Member Millie Schoonover stated that out of the 7 positions cut from the school's budget, 5 remained unfilled. Additionally, she noted that the school staff receives an annual raise.

Mayor Kasey Smith highlighted the challenges faced by Craig's educational system, noting that the city has the lowest-paid teachers in a region with a high cost of living. He expressed concerns about the recruitment of unqualified personnel due to difficulties attracting new teachers to the area. Mayor Smith stated that other schools in our community have K-12 in one building, while Craig pays for the upkeep of 3 buildings.

Clinton E. Cook Sr., Craig Tribal Association President, reported that the school administration's failure to communicate with the tribe resulted in not reapplying for a Department of Education grant worth \$1.5 million that previously funded school staff, aides, and SEALs classes. He emphasized the importance of supporting children and proposed increasing sales tax rates on tobacco, marijuana, and alcohol. Additionally, President Cook pointed out the revenue loss over the past four years due to the absence of a local gas station.

James See commented that there is no land left, and any municipal owned land should go to developing residential lots.

Jon Bolling suggested that the city should manage the school reserve fund similarly to the endowment fund, which has a spending limit of 4% of the fund.

Council Member Michael Kampnich discussed the significant decrease in BSA funding and noted the lack of viable solutions, attributing this to a failure by the state to meet its obligations.

Mayor Smith expressed concerns about the future of local schools without additional funding. He noted the sale of homes in Craig to cash buyers from outside the area, making housing unaffordable for many families. He emphasized the critical need to retain teachers, warning that failing to do so could deter new teachers from relocating here and result in a loss of families from the community. Mayor Smith stressed the importance of teacher retention in maintaining community stability.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Resolution 24-08, Establishing Cemetery Rates- Council Member Josh Bennett raised a question about the prices of the columbarium and staff replied that the cost of each niche will pay off the columbarium.

BAZINET/THOMAS

Motion to adopt Resolution 24-08  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 24-09, Amending the City Personnel Rules to Make Elected Officials Ineligible for City Health Insurance

BAZINET/KAMPNICH

Motion to adopt Resolution 24-09  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Increase Harbor On-Call Hourly Rate to Match Other City Departments

BAZINET/THOMAS

Motion to increase the harbor on-call rate to \$6 per hour  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

School Contribution for FY25

BENNETT/KAMPNICH

Move to approve a local contribution of \$850,000 in addition to the projected contribution of \$736,656 for FY25.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THOMAS/Motion did not receive second

Move to approve a local contribution of \$969,447 in addition to the projected contribution of \$736,656 for FY25.

Building Specialties Contract

BENNETT/THOMAS

Motion to include the language “not to exceed \$456,990.00” in the contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BAZINET/SCHOONOVER

Motion to Authorize City administrator to sign a construction contract with Building Specialties for \$456,990.00, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

BAZINET/THOMAS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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KASEY SMITH  
MAYOR

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MARY SALAZAR  
CITY CLERK