

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WRAY, COLORADO  
MARCH 9, 2021

The board of council met in Regular Session on March 9, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor	Robert Kraus
Mayor Pro tem	Chad Deyle
Council Members	Jennifer Jones
	Greg Jones
	Ben Gardner <b>Absent</b>
	Brad Rockwell <b>Present at 7:40 P.M.</b>
	Nicole Smith
City Manager	James DePue
City Clerk	Emily Ellis
City Attorney	Alvin Wall

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Robert Kraus called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Emily Ellis conducted Roll Call. Council member Ben Gardner was absent and Council member Brad Rockwell arrived at 7:40 P.M.

**ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council member Greg Jones made a motion to adopt the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Deyle made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Ethan Borg-Crowded Group Inc.**

Representing Crowded Group Inc., Colorado Cannabis Company Chief Science Officer Ethan Borg addressed the Council regarding a request to amend Wray Municipal Code 5.50.040 to allow for license processing and manufacturing of medical and recreational Cannabis sativa within the city limits. It was explained that Colorado Cannabis Company was seeking a partnership with Kind Roots Botanical, LLC located at 380 North Dexter Street in Wray. The amendment to the municipal code would allow Kind Roots Botanical to process cannabis plants in addition to hemp plants. Borg stated that due to the market instability, it is anticipated that without this amendment, Kind Roots Botanical plant will need to relocate or close in the spring of 2021. The Council was informed that no product will be distributed or sold in the city limits of Wray or Yuma County, no incentives or tax breaks were being requested, and Excise taxes would be paid to the City of Wray. There was additional discussion regarding employment, housing, community impact, and regulations.

Council members stated that the original municipal code was created based upon the opinion of the citizens of Wray regarding cannabis and approval of any changes should be placed on the November ballot. The Council was informed that a decision would be desired prior to November and Kind Roots Botanical proposed hosting educational forums for Wray citizens. The Council agreed that education regarding the issue was critical in obtaining input from the citizens of Wray before any decision is made.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

### **Justin Stair – Fire Sirens**

Justin Stair addressed the Council regarding the fire siren located near his residence. The Council was thanked for the efforts made to control the noise and were asked to consider re-locating the siren. The Council advised that they would discuss the request and provide an answer at a later date.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Deyle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Lease for Hanger #30-Greg Allen; Resolution 06-2021-First Pioneer National Bank – Night Depository Bag Authorization; and Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Grant Application. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution 07-2021-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Wray Community District Hospital for Pre-Hospital Community Medicine**

City Manager James DePue explained the program would allow authorized Wray EMS personnel to perform services including risk and home safety assessments, providing medication and diabetic education, and conducting wellness and welfare checks for community members to help reduce re-admissions into the hospital. The agreement states that the Wray Community District Hospital will reimburse the City of Wray for 50% of the costs associated with salary, benefits, and operations incurred with the services provided through the program. Council member Greg Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 07-2021 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding Related to the Establishment of a Pre-Hospital Community Medicine Program with Wray Community District Hospital. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION**

There were no items for discussion.

## **REPORTS**

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager James DePue presented the monthly written Manager's Report. Council members were given an update on the Main Street Project completion dates, and the Wray High School/Buchanan Middle School demolition and property purchase closing date.

### **Finance Report**

City Clerk Emily Ellis presented the monthly Finance Report for review.

### **Approval of Bills**

Council member Greg Jones made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$541,604.03. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Deyle informed the Council that the Wray Airport Board decided to not allow any baling or haying of the grass next to the airport runway.

Council member Jennifer Jones presented an update on the Yuma County Landfill's recycling program.

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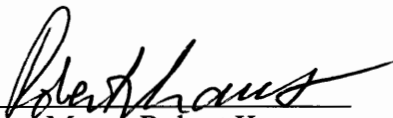
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**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2021**

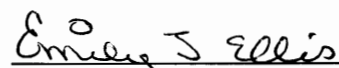
**Wray Area Foundation Inc. COVID Fund and Manna Pantry Report**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

  
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Mayor Robert Kraus

ATTEST

  
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City Clerk Emily J. Ellis