

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 20, 2020  
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dan Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, April 20, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Tim Kipp and Erik Nelson. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Police Chief Schultz, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. Councilperson Nelson was in attendance at City Hall in order to allow the public to join the meeting in person. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: City Judge Berkram reported to the Council that her clerk, Lindsey Keller, resigned and her last day was Friday. With Glacier County laying off their court clerk, it was possible to fill the position temporarily to avoid a long absence while trying to hire during the pandemic. Kim Czech will be filling in. She has the knowledge of the position and also knows the Full Court program, so training will be minimal. When things allow, Judge Berkram will begin the process to hire a permanent clerk.

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling, representing the Port Authority

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brenda Schilling reported to the Council that the Port Authority would like to name the overpass the McCauley Overpass, in honor of Bill McCauley. City Superintendent Suta explained that it was the Montana Department of Transportation that should be contacted for such a request. Ms. Schilling asked the Council if the Port Authority would have their support of the project. The Council agreed that it would be nice to honor Mr. McCauley in this way.

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through April 16, 2020 for \$28,359.08, which includes warrants 58382-58395. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0. Roll Call votes were taken throughout the meeting.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the April 6, 2020 minutes, the payroll from April 16, 2020 for \$80,552.60, the February financials for \$6,756,392.94 and the March financials for \$6,832,356.72. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz presented his report. With people sheltering in place, the department has seen a rise in family violence. The department is well stocked with face masks and gloves. Someone has been stealing ATV tires lately. **Councilperson Nelson moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Building Inspector Yeagley reported that he has not been in the office in a couple of weeks. He has a few open permits and will be coming to town next week to work on some of them. The Montana Code Council Chapter meeting will be tomorrow. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Building Inspector's report. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept Resolution 20-03 Commitment of funds to the wastewater system improvements at the lift station. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: City Attorney Smith gave a brief update on the Airport Authority financial situation. With the likelihood of being paid back for any loan we may have been interested in making, and the fact that we are getting no help from the state, he feels it would not be in the City's best interest to help financially at this time. When things get to the point of closing the airport, then there is a possibility of help from the federal government. This shows how much the irresponsible action of the County affect other local governments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Curtiss reported that the Tri-City Interlocal cancelled their quarterly meeting and will meet in July as scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Dan Raemaeker, Mayor