

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 7, 2020
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM & AT CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:36 PM, Monday, December 7, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm and Mike Wineman. Also present were City Attorney Robert Smith, City Superintendent Jim Suta, City Judge Berkram, Police Chief Schultz, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held via Zoom with several in attendance at the City Hall to accommodate anyone who wished to be present.

ABSENT: Kim Winchell

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through December 3, 2020 for \$292,337.13. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes and the payroll from November 24, 2020 for \$84,862.91, October Financials for \$6,682,201.05 and the November Financials for \$6,982,864.87. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta presented his monthly report. Superintendent Suta was asked how often the cardboard recycling was emptied and he stated that it is emptied when we call the refuse district. **Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

City Attorney Smith gave his report to the Council. Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the connection of city services to the property west of Pizza Hut. The request was made by Leading Tech Development and they understand that the cost will be theirs. Both City Attorney Smith and City Superintendent Suta voiced that they had no concerns. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. A vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

A list of properties with no water service due to disconnection for non-payment was reviewed. The properties may be occupied and since it is against City Code to live in a residence with no water service, these occupants need to vacate the properties. City police will check the status of these properties to see if they are indeed occupied and if so, then the list will be given to City Attorney Smith so that letters to cease and desist can be sent.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: A discussion of committee members will be held when there is a full council in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta told the Council that if they read the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority’s monthly newsletter, they will know all that the Authority is doing.

Police Chief Schultz reported that the Port Authority gave a grant to Folklore Coffee and is always happy to see a new business come to Cut Bank.

It was suggested that the public be informed of the charges for non-residents using City dumpsters in hopes that more out of town people who use the City dumpsters will get an account and pay for the service. It is a problem that many people who live west of Cut Bank bring their garbage into Cut Bank and dump it into dumpsters around the City. Council recommends a Facebook post and article in the Pioneer Press.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor