

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JULY 19, 2021
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL & ZOOM

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 6:30 PM, Monday, July 19, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Mike Wineman, Kim Winchell and Doug Vermulm. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley, Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling, Rhonda Grainger

ABSENT: Councilperson Curtiss

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Carol Woster spoke to the Council about the Occult and how to recognize signs of occult behavior in our community. She handed out some pamphlets on the subject.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Winchell moved to approve the claims through July 14, 2021, for \$476,036.19, including warrants 59496-59541. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Vermulm moved to approve the corrected minutes from the July 6, 2021, meeting, payroll from July 8, 2021, for \$84,321.28, and June financials for \$7,865,769.49. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief

Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report.

Councilperson Vermulm moved to accept the report. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council

Councilperson Winchell moved to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Rhonda Grainger reported to the Council that she has been able to get a business to supply bouncy houses for the Lewis & Clark Festival. They are working on getting insurance as it is more economical than the Lewis & Clark Festival Board buying it. She asked the Council for permission to have the bouncy houses IF the company can prove proof of insurance. City Attorney Smith told her that

the policy would have to include the City of Cut Bank as additionally insured. Council gave her approval to have the houses with insurance.

Councilperson Winchell moved to accept the On-Call Engineering Contract with Great West Engineering. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. A vote was called and motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Police Chief Schultz asked the Council to consider changing their policy regarding events that serve alcohol on City property. There is generally an officer on site during the entire event. There is an upcoming event where alcohol will be served, and he cannot provide an officer for the evening. Ordinance officer Joe Gauthier has attended these events in the past but will not be available in the future. Police Chief Schultz would like to have an on-duty officer stop by the event every hour but not be dedicated to the entire event. City Attorney Smith reminded the Council of the added liability comes with having alcohol at these events. Council agreed that for this event it would be fine to have the officer stop in while on-duty. The policy will be reviewed and will be discussed again at a later meeting.

Police Chief Schultz requested that the Council make an ordinance that would enable the police to tow vehicles when the vehicle is not registered and insured, when the driver is arrested for a DUI or when the driver is not a valid, licensed driver. Vehicles are currently towed for these reasons, but the police have no legal authority to do so. Council agreed that the ordinance is needed and advised Chief Schultz and City Attorney to proceed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported that he attended the refuse district meeting and their administrative assistant resigned so they are once again without office help.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor

