

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 7, 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 Dan Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:32 PM, Monday, June 7, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Mike Wineman, and Kim Winchell. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley, City Attorney Smith and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Kayla Waller, Kim Stoltz and Becky Bohmer

ABSENT: Councilperson Vermulm

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Bark Park

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through June 3, 2021 for \$261,498.97, warrants 59332-59383. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the May 17, 2021 minutes, the payroll from May 27, 2021 for \$81,297.50 and the April financials for \$7,537,013.83. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported to the Council that the crew has been busy getting the pool ready to open. There is a problem with the boiler but it is being worked on. Sewer lines were jetted earlier this month. The pool is filled and should be able to open next week. **Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

City Attorney Smith presented his report to the Council. He has been busy with city court. He tracked down the owner of the property on which the Dollar Family Store will be built. The procedure for annexation requires that the owner request the annexation so he is waiting for that request. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Kayla Waller addressed the Council about the Cut Bank Swim Team. She requested that the swim team be allowed to practice in the pool on June 1st of every year. She also requested a contract so that all parties would know what is expected of them. Superintendent Suta stated that the pool is not usually

ready to open on June 1st but the City will try to open as close to that date as possible. He also explained that the lines have to be painted every year and that it takes 10-14 days for the paint to cure. Superintendent Suta brought a contract to the meeting.

Kim Stoltz asked the Council if there would be any objection to the Cut Bank Creek Brewery selling beer at the Farmer's Markets. They would like to set up a booth to sell beer, root beer and kombucha in the park during the markets. Councilperson Curtiss stated that when there has been beer sold in the park there has also been a police officer on premises. Since Chief Schultz was not in attendance, the issue was tabled until the next meeting when he can address the issue. The first Farmer's Market will be June 16th.

Superintendent Suta reported that he received a call from Shelby's Public Works Director and it was requested that Cut Bank not use more than 250,000 gallons of water daily from the Shelby line. We were using approximately 500,000 gallons and while the contract guarantees us 750,000 gallons per day, Shelby can only keep up with 250,000.

CORRESPONDENCE: Councilperson Winchell received a letter regarding the gopher holes at Bark Park. Superintendent Suta responded that the crew has blasted the holes and now they need to fill the holes. He will pile some fill at the Bark Park so if any volunteers wish to fill holes while their dogs play, they will have the material. Councilperson Winchell also reported that donations for the bark park are still coming in. There have been some complaints about some dog owners not picking up after their dogs. Writing tickets would be for littering and it is not in the City's jurisdiction.

WORK SESSION: Discussion was held on the funding of the Fire Dept. The department is a joint City/County department however the City budgets \$33,000 towards its support and the County only budgets about \$8,000. Most fires are out of the City yet the City contributes the most in funding. It is the hope that the County will raise it's budget to an appropriate amount. Further discussion will be held once more information is gathered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor