

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
MAY 17, 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 6:32 PM, Monday, May 17, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Mike Wineman, Kim Winchell, Tim Curtiss and Doug Vermulm. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley, City Judge Berkram and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. Mayor Raemaeker, and Councilpersons Curtiss, Wineman, Vermulm and Winchell, and Clerk-Treasurer Burley attended City Hall to allow the public to join the meeting in person. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: None

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through May 13, 2021 for \$172,801.11, including warrants 59286-69328. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Winchell moved to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting, payroll from May 13, 2021 for \$73,766.49, and March financials for \$7,504,299.23. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Michael Schultz entered the meeting at this point.

Police Chief presented his report. He will be requesting a new SUV or pickup for the department. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report. **Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the report. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council that the City's audit was conducted last week. She will be attending water conference later this week. **Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to have the meter and stop valve installed at the Valerie Wadman property and to bill her for all water services. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 21-1, the intent to raise water rates. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Discussion was held explaining the \$1.30 per EDU increase. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously. The public hearing will be June 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

The boring under the highway has been completed for the Family Dollar. One 6" water line and 2 2" sewer lines were bored. Council directed City Attorney Smith to begin the annexation process.

The Glacier Motel property has once again become dangerous and unsightly. The boards have been removed, more windows broken and much illegal activity is going on there again. Council will be discussing this problem at every meeting until a solution has been reached. It was mentioned that the property was condemned in the past. There are back taxes due on the property. The Council will be looking into ways that the City can remedy the hazardous materials issue. We will be looking into Brownfield grants as well as looking into any ways the City could remediate it themselves. It was stated that the estimated cost of the hazardous material abatement would be \$250.

Councilperson Curtiss would also like to discuss at a later meeting the possibility of building basketball nets at the swimming pool park. The sides could then be built up so that it could be filled with water for ice skating in the winter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Tri-City Interlocal has received bids and ordered an oil distributor. They are hoping it will arrive in time to chip sealing this season.

Councilperson Wineman reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Parade of Lights on December 3rd, 2021. He also reported that the sale of the Public Drug building is moving along.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor

