

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 16, 2020
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 6:36 PM, Monday, November 16, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Mike Wineman and Kim Winchell. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Police Chief Schultz, Building Inspector Yeagley, City Judge Berkram and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. Mayor Raemaeker, and Councilpersons Curtiss, Wineman and Winchell attended City Hall to allow the public to join the meeting in person. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling (zoom), Rhonda Bogar

ABSENT: Doug Vermulm

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rhonda Bogar introduced herself to the Council. She is in the process of opening a second hand store in Cut Bank.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through November 13, 2020 for \$47,050.17. 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 November 2, 2020 minutes and the payroll from November 12, 2020 for \$80,266.77. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz presented his report. The number of calls has finally dropped. Last month the number of arrests decreased but the call load remained the same but this month it dropped significantly. Snow tires were purchased to help the officers get around this winter. There has been no word on the second grant application to the Board of Crime Control. The department is in need of a new server as well as new body cameras. The costs are approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 for the server and cameras are around \$800 each. If anyone knows of any grants that could help pay for these items, please let Chief Schultz know. The PD is having their floor replaced this week. One of the previous child sex cases was pled out and part of the deal was a donation of \$3,000 toward juvenile sexual assault cases. **Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Building Inspector Yeagley reported to the Council on his ongoing building permits. There is no deadline as to when a project must be completed; however, projects must be started within 180 days of the permit being approved. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Building Inspector's report. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council that things have been busy at City Hall. Her staff has been out on mandatory quarantine, but are not back in the office. The CARES Act grant was approved and payment has been received, as has payment from the Board of Crime Control Grant. Utility customers continue to apply for Covid-19 relief from being disconnected due to non-payment. The office staff continues to work with these customers in hopes of not letting the bills get unmanageable. Clerk-Treasurer Burley is creating a contract type agreement to be signed by these customers once the Relief ends so that there is a clear payment plan. **Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the Clerk- Treasurer's report and Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to renew the drug testing contract with Mobile Testing with Integrity. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Mayor Raemaeker reported to the Council that Glacier County did not levy mills for the Airport Authority as promised. This lack of funding could put the airport out of operating funds by January. City Attorney Smith reported that he recommended that the Authority have a writ of mandate prepared, but he has not heard back from them on this. He is not sure if it can be done at this time. City Superintendent Suta reported that the Airport Authority is waiting for a legal opinion on whether they can levy funds themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor

