

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 6, 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 6:30 PM, Monday, December 6, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, 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: Mitch Haas, Robert Thorne, Chad Hickey, Blaine Suta

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Councilperson Curtiss suggested that the Committee of Public Safety Solutions create a poll for Cut Bank voters for the purpose of getting a feel for how they feel about the upcoming mill levy election and public safety. He uses Google drive to set up polls and it is easy and effective.

Councilperson Winchell suggested the City assist the Chamber of Commerce in storing and putting up the Christmas Light Display. Billman's Inc has been doing this for many years and they will no longer be able, so this would be a good thing for the City to do. Councilperson Wineman will bring it to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mitch Haas would like to apply for a variance for the storage container he has put at his business, Mountain View Glass. He will call City Hall to request being on the next agenda. The variance process was explained to him.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through December 3, 2021, for \$349,362.22, warrants 59831, 59833, 59847-59883. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the November 15, 2021, minutes, the payroll from November 25, 2021 for \$77,49938. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta

Councilperson Vermulm moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Smith

Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Thorne requested a variance on his property at 402 3rd St SE. He installed a fence that is higher than regulation. **Councilperson Vermulm moved to allow Mr. Thorne to proceed. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.**

Councilperson Winchell moved to approve TSEP Draw #3 in the amount of \$212,796.61 for the water improvements project. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and motion passed 4-0.

After some discussion it was decided that the swearing in of elected officials would take place at the first meeting in January. City Attorney Smith will swear in Mayor Elect Winchell on January 1, 2022, and she will then swear in the other officials at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Raemaeker informed the Council that the City has been awarded a \$30,000 Community Development Block Grant for the updating of our growth policy. The project will cost approximately \$40,000 so the city will only have to pay \$10,000.

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 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor