

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2022
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 Winchell called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, January 19, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Mike Wineman (via phone), and Doug Vermulm. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Judge Berkram (via Zoom), Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Kacie Fey, Matt Connors, Vernon Thomas, Cesar Morales, JR Myers and Jason Goodman and LeAnne Kavanagh. Attending via Zoom was Brenda Schilling.

ABSENT: None

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Superintendent Suta would like to discuss grinder pumps for the lift stations, the sale of the old garbage truck, and the sewer line by the Lutheran Church on Main Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through January 14, 2022 for \$161,332.32, including warrants 59937-59978. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Vermulm moved to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2022 meeting, payroll from January 6, 2021 for \$75,984.55. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz reported that he has had officers out sick again so the remaining officers have been working overtime. Numbers will be going up this month as there are cases that have not been entered into the system yet. He received six applications this round.

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

Building Inspector Yeagley's report is tabled until the next meeting as he is unable to attend.

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

The five candidates for the open council seat each addressed the Council. Residents who submitted letters of interest were Cesar Morales, Kacie Fey, J.R. Myers, Jason Goodman and Matt Connors. The candidates introduced themselves and told their reasons for seeking the seat. Members of the Council and the public asked questions of each candidate. The Council responsibilities were read from the City Charter and the candidates were told what would be expected of them if appointed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Superintendent Suta explained to the Council that residents are flushing items that should not be flushed and as a result we need to install grinders in the lift stations. It will

cost approximately \$100,000 for two of them. We will need to do a budget amendment. These grinders will extend the life of the pumps.

Superintendent also reported that the old garbage truck, the Tour de France, will be declared surplus in his next report. Sunburst has shown an interest in purchasing it and it is not worth more than \$15,000. We have a backup truck already.

The sewer by the Cooper house, next door to the Lutheran Church on Main Street, runs from the alley down to the street. We will need to get an easement and Superintendent Suta cautioned the Council to grant variance on it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Superintendent Suta attended the Airport Authority meeting. They will be making runway improvements with a crack fill and seal coat. Also approved was the overhead door in the hanger. The Authority did not approve the application of asphalt on the road.

The Tri-City Interlocal will be having their annual meeting this Friday at the Frontier Inn, in Dunkirk.

Also meeting next week will be the COPSS group. They will meet Wednesday evening at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.** The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor

