

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 7, 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 Kim Winchell called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, March 7, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, and Kacie Fey. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schutz, and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Matthew Connors, Vernon Thomas, JR Myers

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

JR Myers addressed the Council. He has been investigating and has found that the citizens of Cut Bank can govern themselves. Democracy does exist in Cut Bank.

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through March 4, 2022, for \$101,684.87 warrants 60060-60112. Councilperson Vermulm 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 February 22, 2022, minutes, the payroll from March 3, 2022, for \$81,092.68, the January financials for \$8,342,864.12 and the February financials for \$8,418,737.94. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**Superintendent** presented his report. The bid on the grinders for the lift station has been raised by \$50,000 for additional concrete work. Superintendent Suta is looking at alternatives now as he believes this is too much. The area where residents can drop off large metal items was discussed. There will be signage installed and then the City will advertise the spot. **Councilperson Fey moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

**City Attorney Smith** reported that he has been busy and has not completed the list of things that the Mayor requested of him. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilperson Wineman resigned from the Council after the last meeting. His position will need to be appointed at the next meeting. JR Myers, Matthew Connors, and Vernon Thomas show interest in the position. Letters of interest will be accepted through March 17, 2022

CORRESPONDENCE: None

## WORK SESSION:

Since we do not at this time have a full Council, the appointment to Committees and Boards will be postponed until such time as all members can be present. Mayor Winchell did however, appoint Councilperson Fey to the Northern Transit Interlocal Board, as they need the position

filled this week. Residents who were on boards previously will be contacted to see if they are still interested in their appointments.

Titles 5 & 6 were reviewed. Police Chief Schultz went over his suggestions for corrections and changes. The Council will review these codes again next meeting as they had not all had ample time to review the codes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Police Chief Schultz reported that there were another five graduates from Drug Court last week. He sits on the Court and feels it is a very worthwhile program.

Mayor Winchell reported that the COPSS had not met last week but will meet this Wednesday.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vernon Thomas asked if anything can be done if someone calls in a drunk individual walking the streets, causing danger to himself and others. The State made it illegal to charge someone with public intoxication but when these calls are received, our officers will try to bring the individual to some place safe.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kim Winchell, Mayor