

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 1, 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 6:32 PM, Monday, August 1, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Kacie Fey, and Cesar Morales. 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: Tom Shock, Vernon Thomas

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Shock spoke to the Council about the importance of Councilpersons to attend every meeting. He encourages them to not miss meetings unless it is unavoidable.

Vernon Thomas asked why the expected funding from the State for Cut Bank Law Enforcement has not been on any of four meeting agendas. He was under the impression funding was supposed to take place in June or July. Mayor Winchell stated that she has not heard from Representative Jones but expects to hear from him when the committee meets.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Morales moved to approve the claims through July 28, 2022, for \$70,877.93, which includes warrants 60457-60484. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the July 18, 2022, minutes, the payroll from July 21, 2022, for \$111,553.84, and the March financials for \$8,166,26246 and April financials for \$8,135,505.75. Councilperson Morales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Councilperson Fey moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Superintendent Suta reported that the paving crew had a breakdown and are currently repairing their equipment. They will be here by late Tuesday. They will mill and cleanout the dig areas and it should take a week and they will start paving. Superintendent Suta also reported that we had a sanitary survey at the wastewater plant. Andrew Brown has addressed all the current issues and the plant is doing well. **Motion carried 4-0.**

City Attorney Smith reported that he is continuing to work on cases as the prosecutor. He is still trying to catch up. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Morales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

City Attorney Smith explained that there is no resolution of annexation to approve. Since he last did an annexation, the law has changed, and he was unaware of the changes until now. The procedures for annexing property have changed. There are three ways to annex property and

out best procedure will be to annex because of city services provided. This process, however, requires a written report explaining how the City plans to service these properties in the future. Because of this requirement, Mr. Smith is unable to complete the annexation at this time. He will be working to annex all properties at one time.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Draw #4 for DNRC for \$1,480.50 and Draw #4 on the SRF loan for \$5,818.00. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Winchell reported that the Beautification Committee has been fund raising for the painting of a Mural on the West side of the building directly east of City Hall. Raffle tickets for an apartment birdhouse were sold and there was a fancy lemonade stand at Lewis & Clark Festival. The total raised was \$1,337.00. The drawing was held for the birdhouse with Audrey Finlayson of Great Falls being the winner.

Councilperson Curtiss reported that the quarterly meeting of the Tri-City Interlocal was held last week in Shelby. Shelby has a new superintendent named Erik Carey.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor

