

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 21, 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, Monday, November 21, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Timothy Curtiss, Kacie Fey, John Reynolds, and Doug Vermulm. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley, Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Chrissy Grimm, Brenda Schilling

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chrissy Grimm, of Glacier Properties, addressed the Council. She will be applying for a Main Street Montana grant with which to fund the electric and plumbing at the old public drug building. She will be applying for the \$50,000 maximum and requests the City's support. She will email the grant application to the City and asks that the Council review it and support it. The property will have up to six apartments in the upstairs level with one or two commercial spaces on the main floor.

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through November 17, 2022, for \$111,856.12, including warrants 60736-60778. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Fey moved to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2022, meeting, payroll from November 10, 2022, for \$78,276.89. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion.** The new Crime Star program is now being used. We are the first department in the state to use it. Officer Harrell is working with it. **A vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report.

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the report. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report.** Business as usual has been happening in City Hall. **Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Gerstenberger has requested permission to proceed with his variance request on his storage container in his yard. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to grant permission to proceed. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion that passed 4-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Councilperson Vermulm asked if there was any update on the Glacier Motel clean up. Mayor Winchell reported that she spoke with Joyce Ackerman of the EPA. Her boss would like to see the clean-up happen this year and while he cannot promise funding at this point, he will include it in his 2023 budget. If a natural disaster would occur that would require funding, that would take precedence, but without such a disaster, there should be adequate funding for the cleanup. Scot Heisel of the Cut Bank Pioneer Press is planning to run an article in the paper to update the community on the issue. We should hear something around March. Councilperson Vermulm is still seeing people in the ruins. Chief Schultz reported that many tickets have been written and his department will continue to run people out of there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz reported that the Board of Health met last week. They are encouraging residents to get their flu shots as flu season is upon us. There have been several cases of monkey flu in Montana, but none in Glacier County as of now.

Brenda Schilling reported that the Porth Authority met last week, and their annual report is now available online. The Authority is updating their grant and loan application. The maximum grant has been raised from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and the maximum loan is \$10,000.

Councilperson Fey reported that she resigned from the Chamber of Commerce. We will need to appoint another representative at the next meeting.

Councilperson Reynolds reported on the monthly safety meeting. Jason Lee will be training on slips, slides, and falls. Ice grips were purchased for the crew to keep them safer while working on ice.

Councilperson Curtiss stated the Tri-City Interlocal Annual Meeting will be held in Cut Bank this year. He would like to see us inquire about holding it at the Golf Course this time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kimberly Winchell, Mayor

