

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 5, 2022
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL & ZOOM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM & AT CITY HALL

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE: City Attorney Robert Smith opened the public hearing. He swore in Deputy Clerk Bundy. Mr. Smith asked Deputy Clerk Bundy what the Clerk's responsibilities were regarding this issue. She replied that the Clerk must publish the notice of public hearing for two consecutive weeks in the Cut Bank Pioneer Press and collect comments on the ordinance amendment. He asked if the notice had been published and if she had an affidavit of publication and she stated yes to both questions. After being asked if the Clerk had received any comments, either written or verbal, on the issue, Bundy replied that none had been received. City Attorney Smith called for public comment, and not receiving any, he closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

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, December 5, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Kacie Fey, and John Reynolds. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley (via Zoom), City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schutz, and Deputy Clerk Bundy. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Scot Heisl (Zoom)

ABSENT: Doug Vermulm

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through December 2, 2022, for \$97,510.76, warrants 60779-60810. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Fey moved to approve the November 21, 2022, minutes, the payroll from November 23, 2022, for \$85,889.96, and the September financials for \$9,206,602.60, and October financials for \$9,314,821.54. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta reported that the biggest challenge right now is staying ahead of the snow. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

City Attorney Smith presented his report. He needs more information from Mr. Thomas on his easement request. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the proclamation naming May 17, 2023, as Arbor Day in Cut Bank. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Police Chief Schultz reported that there have been some issues with parking around the schools. Some residents are mad about it and the Chief wants the Council aware of what is going on there.

Boards and Committees were reviewed. Mayor Winchell will attend Chamber of Commerce meetings starting in January. Councilperson Fey will serve on the board of appeals and the executive committee. Councilperson Reynolds was appointed to serve on the NCMRWA board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

We are working on getting the Golf Course for the Tri-City Annual Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor