

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2023
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, Tuesday, **January 3, 2023**. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, and Kacie Fey. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley (ZOOM), City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schutz, and Deputy Clerk Bundy. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: **Vernon Thomas**

ABSENT: **John Reynolds**

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through **December 29, 2022**, for **\$107,365.23** warrants **60844-60862**. 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 **December 19, 2022** minutes, and the payroll from **December 22, 2022**, for **\$83894.88**. Councilperson **Curtiss** seconded the motion. Motion carried **4-0**.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta reported that there have been quite a few freeze ups during the cold weather due to lack of insulation and heat in cold areas. The crew at the wastewater treatment plant have been working on maintenance items in the plant and one plugged sewer line on the NW side of the City. The warmer weather during the Christmas holidays left the streets in extreme icy conditions and the entire city streets were sanded and ice melt applied as soon as we returned to work. The conditions on the streets have improved in the last week. Things are busy in the garbage department this time of year. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

City Attorney Smith reported that there was no court the last 2 weeks of December and while that would have been a suitable time to get caught up, he was absent with health problems for several days. He has answered numerous requests for information from NCIS on past case dispositions, attended the Department Heads meeting, and worked on the Annexation Service Plan for the City/County Planning Board. He attended the Planning Board meeting to get plan approved and capable of submission to the City Council. He has been working on the easement problem and has tentatively reached consensus of how to proceed with it. **Councilperson Fey moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for **January 17, 2023, at 6:30 PM.**

Attest:

Approve:

Cheri Bundy, Deputy Clerk

Kim Winchell, Mayor