

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 2, 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, Monday, October 2, 2023. 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, City Attorney Smith, and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Justin Perry, Tom Shock, Sergeant Thomas Evans

ABSENT: Councilperson Doug Vermulm

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Fey moved to approve the claims through September 28, 2023, for \$106,045.83 warrants 61515-61539. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Fey moved to approve the September 18, 2023, minutes, the payroll from September 28, 2023, for \$94,429.12 Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta's report was presented. Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

City Attorney Smith reported that he has been working on court cases and interviewing candidates for the deputy attorney position. **Councilperson Reynolds 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 approved Draw #4 (DNRC) for \$548,622.33 for the Phase IVB Water Project and Draw #2 on the SRF Loan Forgiveness for \$18,533.00 for the same project. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Mayor Winchell reported that she has now appointed a four person growth policy advisor board. She is still hoping to add someone from the Chamber of Commerce to the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Curtiss reported that the Tri-City Interlocal will be holding a meeting later this month.

City Attorney Smith reported that he attended the annual meeting of the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority. Officers stayed the same as last year. Superintendent Suta is once again on the executive committee. The Authority rejected the settlement offer from Kevin, Montana. The water plant is nearing completion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Councilperson Curtiss said that in the past when there were more candidates running for Council that there were open seats, that the Chamber of Commerce, along with the Pioneer Press, hosted a town meeting where people could ask the candidates questions and learn more about each candidate. Mayor Winchell responded that she had reached out to the Pioneer Press asking if they were going to do any articles about the candidates before the election.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor