

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 16, 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 Winchell called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, October 16, 2023. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, and John Reynolds. 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, Chrystle White, Justin Perry

ABSENT: Councilperson Kacie Fey

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chrystle White stated that she attended a football game and was curious why there was no national anthem before the game. Mayor Winchell explained that it would be best to ask the school that question as the City does not have anything to do with football games. Chief Schultz explained that the anthem is sung before varsity games only.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through October 13, 2023, for \$670,413.16, including warrants 61540-61589. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. During the comment period, Councilperson Curtiss stated that he is always on the fence about approving a split of cost with the school for the cost of curbing. He feels it is not right that Cut Bank residents pay $\frac{3}{4}$ of the price of the curbing as they are taxed by both of the paying entities. **A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Reynolds moved to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2023, meeting, payroll from October 12, 2023, for \$82,287.98. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief

Councilperson Reynolds moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Highlights of the report included that Office Heagy completed his field training and basic post certification has been received for Officer Fey.

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the report. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council. She reported that the budget was submitted to the State and there are two new employees being trained at City Hall. The new website is also live now. Councilperson Curtiss asked that the minutes and department head reports be printed and available at the meetings. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Mayor Winchell reported that she attended the League of Cities & Towns Annual Convention last week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported that he attended the last North Central Montana Regional Water Authority meeting. The Tribe has requested that they not build or run the second phase of the water plant. The first phase will service the tribe and the second phase will service most of the water authority members. If the Authority ends up building the second phase, it was suggested that it be built closer to Shelby.

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 November 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kimberly Winchell, Mayor

