

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 4, 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, December 4, 2023. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Kacie Fey, and John Reynolds. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley, City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schutz, Deputy City Attorney Bugni and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Tom Shock, Justin Perry

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through November 30, 2023, for \$53,242.06 warrants 61677-61680, 61683-61699. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the November 20, 2023, minutes, the payroll from November 22, 2023, for \$100,279.32, Financials from July for \$7,804,111.25 and August for \$8,075,519.31. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta presented his report. He added that he is very proud to announce that the city crew put together a nice float for the Parade of Lights and it won first place. He also reported hearing many great comments on the Festival of Trees Christmas Tree that the office employees put together. The City was well represented. Mayor Winchell added that she wants to thank the crew for all the decorations placed outside City Hall and the hanging of the winter banners. **Councilperson Reynolds moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

City Attorney Smith reported that things are getting caught up now that he has a Deputy City Attorney. Deputy Attorney Bugni is working to update the technology in the City Attorney's office. **Councilperson Fey moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Councilperson Vermulm asked the Council if there was a date by which Mountain View Glass was supposed to have their fence in front of the storage container build. It was supposed to have been done the summer that the container was installed. Superintendent Suta will reach out to the owner and remind him to get the fence finished.

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Reynolds moved to change the Council Meeting dates in January 2024 to Monday, January 8, 2024, and Monday, January 22, 2024. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Vermulm stated that he would be resigning from being the City representative on the Port Authority. The meetings are on Thursdays at 2:00 PM and he is never available at that time to attend meetings. Police Chief Schultz volunteered to be appointed again. Now that his department is fully staffed, he will have the time to attend the meetings.

Councilperson Reynolds reported that there is a growth policy meeting scheduled for this Thursday evening. Mayor Winchell stated that it may be cancelled since one of the members will not be available and there are only three members. Mayor Winchell will contact Jerry Grebenc in the morning to find out if the meeting is still scheduled.

Superintendent Suta reported that the upcoming NCMRWA meeting will be a particularly important meeting. The Board will be hearing all the options that can be done to avoid expanding the Tiber Water Plant. The Tribe does not want to build or run the second phase that will supply the customers on the west side of Tiber. Shelby is hoping to produce the water for this side and would have the opportunity to set the rates. This could be very expensive for users on the west side. Superintendent Suta encourages everyone to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilperson Vermulm asked if anyone had any further information about possible funding for cleaning up the debris from the recent Glacier Motel fire. No further information has been given.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2023, at 6:30 PM. It will follow a public hearing.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor

