

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JULY 10, 2017
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, July 10, 2017. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Timothy Curtiss, Donovan Grubb and Tim Kipp. Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Superintendent Jim Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith and Police Chief Schultz. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: Councilperson Tyson Michaels

VISITORS: Greg and Lori Gerstenberger

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through July 6, 2017 for \$109,000.59. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Weeds, loitering near the suboxone clinic, street repairs, the chip sealing schedule, and the painting of street lines and curbs are additional items for discussion during the work session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the City Council Minutes from June 26, 2017 and Payroll for June 29, 2017 for \$73,254.62. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported that the water line on the NW side of the city is complete. We are now receiving approximately 40,000 gallons a day from the North Central Regional Water Authority. They have the capacity to provide us with up to 675,000 gallons a day should the creek run low. We are waiting on chips to do the chip sealing. The wastewater plant is underway. The River Park is now open to the public. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the City Superintendent's report. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. It passed 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the TSEP Draw #2 for \$224,094.55. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

The Cut Bank Volunteer Fire Department has ordered a new Jaws of Life. The unit cost is approximately \$33,000. Glacier County has committed to paying for one third and the Fire Department has requested the City pay for a third, leaving the last third to be paid for by the Fire Dept. There is \$7,000 remaining in the current fire protection budget that can be spent for this. **Councilperson Grubb moved to approve payment of \$7,000 towards the Jaws of Life. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Correspondence: Clerk-Treasurer Burley read a thank you postcard from the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce for a sponsorship donation to their Shakespeare in the Park program.

WORK SESSION:

Greg Gerstenberger addressed the council about a letter he received from the City requesting that he remove a railroad container from his property. The container is not in compliance with our revised zoning ordinance. He stated that he drove around Cut Bank and saw between 10 and 15 containers. He asked if they were allowed, then why was he asked to remove his container. City Superintendent Suta pointed out that the container is not in compliance first because no zoning permit was purchased and approved for the structure. Mr. Gerstenberger asked if he would be allowed to keep it if he painted it the same color as his garage. It was explained that he would first need to apply for a zoning permit. Then, once the permit had been denied due to its non-compliance with the zoning ordinance, he could apply for a variance through the City County Planning Board.

Weeds: The weeds around town are getting large and there is concern that they be mowed down for Lewis & Clark Festival. The City cannot spray weeds at this time because we have no licensed commercial applicator. The weeds in the sidewalk at HC Davis School are very bad. Police Chief Schultz will speak with his Ordinance Officer about getting more letters out to these property owners.

Street Line and Curb Painting: The curbs have not been painted after the Main Street project last summer. City Superintendent Suta reported he has spoken to the state and they will be chip sealing Mail Street this summer, after which they will repaint the lines and curbs.

Area Parades: The Council would like to take the antique firetruck to local area parades again. Councilperson Curtiss requested that an event calendar be prepared with parades and events from the surrounding communities be listed so plans can be made to support these other towns and cities. Superintendent Suta recommended that a line item be included in the budget for this expense. He suggested \$5,000.

There is an area of 4th Street SW that is in need of repairs. Residents would like to know when the repairs are scheduled to be made. Water drainage in the area is a concern and the residents do not have proper curbs. Repairs to the street need to follow curb installation and drainage must be addressed first. Councilperson Curtiss asked if the Council could be given an updated chip sealing schedule.

Loitering: There have been many complaints about people loitering on Main Street around the Suboxone Clinic. There is no law regulating the public sidewalk. Patient parking in the alley has become a problem also. It was suggested that NO PARKING signs be put up in the alley to discourage the illegal parking. There is a parking lot across the street and it was also suggested that signs be installed there, making it more easily seen.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.**

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor