

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JULY 18, 2016
CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council President Tim Curtiss called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, July 18, 2016. The following Council members answered roll call: Kevin Quinlan, Timothy Curtiss, Don Grubb and Kelly Solberg. Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Attorney Robert Smith, Superintendent Jim Suta and Building Inspector Jim Yeagley. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Greg and Lori Gerstenberger, Chris Edwards (via telephone) and Amy Overstreet representing the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce.

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Solberg made a motion to approve the claims through July 15, 2016 in the amount of \$169,322.89. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Councilperson Grubb asked that vicious dogs be discussed during the work session and Councilperson Solberg requested a discussion on the parking of camp trailers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Grubb made a motion to approve the July 11, 2016 minutes. Councilperson Solberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Councilperson Solberg made a motion to approve the July 5, 2016 minutes and the July 14, 2016 Payroll of \$77,061.38, and the June 2016 Cash Report for \$5,281,430.71 and financial reports. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Building Inspector Yeagley reported on the progress of several current projects in the City.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Building Inspector's Report. Councilperson Quinlan seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance – City Attorney Smith reported that the zoning ordinance will be ready for presentation to the council at the August 1, 2016 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application for Variance by Chris Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked the Council for approval of a variance for his property located at 206 6th Avenue NE. The house has been demolished and Mr. Edwards would like to put a mobile home on the property. When the new zoning ordinance is approved, the property will change from Zone 3 to Zone 4, which will allow the mobile home to be added to the property. No variance will be required.

Greg & Lori Gerstenberger: The Gerstenbergers questioned the water usage at their 120 5th Ave SW property. The house has been vacant and there was a large amount of water used between May 18, 2016 and May 25, 2016. They requested that an adjustment be made on their water bill for this usage as they don't believe the water was used and they believe the meter might not have been working properly. Superintendent Suta responded that they meter is new and that it is impossible for a meter to read too much water usage.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to adjust the water and sewer bill, as recommended by Superintendent Suta and Clerk-Treasurer Burley after their review. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and it passed 3 to 0.

Amy Overstreet, Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce, Business Recruitment and Incentive: Ms. Overstreet reported on the Chamber's business recruitment and incentive program progress. She was given a letter of support of new and expanding business, signed by Mayor Raemaeker.

Amy Overstreet, Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce, Mercantile Parking Lot:

Councilperson Grubb made a motion to approve the City acquiring the Mercantile Property to be used as a parking lot, once demolition is complete and the lot is restored. Councilperson Quinlan seconded the motion and it was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Committee Reports: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Vicious Dogs: Council is very concerned about several dogs that are running at large and attacking residents, as well as pets. There have been several incidents. Law enforcement has been returning the dogs to their yards when found running. Council would like the Mayor to direct the Police Department to bring dogs running at large to the pound.

Parking of Camp Trailers: The parking of camp trailers near intersections creates a problem for motorists trying to see oncoming traffic. This can be dangerous when oncoming vehicles cannot be seen. State statute restricts the parking of these vehicles on city streets to 5 consecutive days but the statute is not enforced.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **Council President Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 7:22.**

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk/Treasurer

Tim Curtiss, Council President