

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
MAY 16, 2016
CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dan Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, May 16, 2016. The following Council members answered roll call: Kevin Quinlan, Timothy Curtiss, Donovan Grubb and Kelly Solberg. Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Attorney Robert Smith, City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley and Police Chief Michael Schultz. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Dan Johnson and Lyle Coney of USDA Rural Development, Nick Bohr and Matt Embody of Cut Bank Gas, Pat Coryell, Jessica Dudley, Kayla Gruce, Dave Aune of Great West Engineering and Amie Allison of Glacier County EMS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Amie Allison told the Council that the Glacier County EMS is working with the Lewis & Clark Committee to host a Fun Run during Lewis & Clark Festival. The Fun Run proceeds will be used to purchase special needs accessible playground equipment. The approximate cost of the equipment will be \$29,000.00. The Council will be consulted about possible locations for the equipment.

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Curtiss made a motion to approve the claims through May 2, 2016 in the amount of \$40,041.38. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Solberg made a motion to approve the May 2, 2016 minutes and the April 21, 2016 Payroll of \$65,961.98. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Councilperson Curtiss made a motion to approve the May 9, 2016 minutes and the May 5, 2016 Payroll of \$67,211.87. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Building Inspector's Report: Building Inspector Yeagley reported that there are no new building permits. Pat Coryell requested that ice water and titanium be added to our roofing code. Insurers will cover it once it is included in the code. Inspector Yeagley will look into this matter and report back to the council.

Councilperson Grubb made a motion to approve the Building Inspector's report. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

Chief of Police's Report: Chief Schultz reported that he has been working on the budget. He will be looking for available grants since the increase in health insurance will increase the labor budget. They purchased two all-wheel drive Taurus vehicles instead of the planned SUV and Impala.

Councilperson Grubb made a motion to approve the Chief of Police's report. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance – City Attorney Smith received the zoning information from Building Inspector Yeagley but has not had a chance to review it. Item was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant: Dan Johnson, Rural Development Specialist, addressed the council about the Rural Development funding proposal for the sewer treatment project. He reviewed the letter of conditions with the Council and asked that the Council approve the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions, the Request for Obligation of Funds, and the Resolution Authorizing Debt.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve both the Letter of Intent to Meet the Conditions and the Request for Obligation of Funds. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 16-15 Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving and/or Extending Wastewater System. Councilperson Quinlan seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4-0.

Dave Aune, Great West Engineering: Great West will manage the grant administration. Craig Erickson will be working closely with the city on the project. They have been through the Rural Development program several times. We will be working with Bob Murdo on getting a rate structure in place now that we have all the information we need to set the future rates.

Kayla Gruce: Ms. Gruce asked the Council for permission to keep two Nigerian Dwarf Goats at her residence within city limits. She explained that these goats usually weigh between 60 and 80 pounds and grow to about 2' tall. It was brought up that a variance may have to be granted by the City-County Planning Board in order to approve her request. Superintendent Suta told the council that the City has an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of livestock within city limits.

Councilperson Curtiss moved that the council proceed to vote on the issue. Councilperson Solberg seconded the motion. Motion failed with a vote of 0-4.

Cut Bank Gas Franchise: Energy West Manager, Nick Bohr, spoke to the Council about renewing the Cut Bank Gas Company franchise agreement. He detailed the improvements that have been made to the Cut Bank Gas system since Energy West bought the gas company in 2009. There has been no franchise agreement in place for the last 6 ½ years, which was when the old franchise expired. Energy West has franchise agreements with Great Falls and West Yellowstone. They are not charged a franchise fee. City Attorney Smith requested that Mr. Bohr have the franchise agreements with the Cities of Great Falls and West Yellowstone be sent to him. Once he reviews the agreements; the Council will work on a new franchise agreement or possibly extend the former agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

WORK SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:38.**

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk/Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor