

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 7, 2016
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, November 7, 2016. The following Council members answered roll call: Council President Timothy Curtiss, Councilpersons Donovan Grubb and Tim Kipp. Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Attorney Robert Smith, City Superintendent Suta, City Attorney Smith and Police Chief Schultz. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Diana Baker, Randy Weaver, Tyson Michaels, Marilyn Lotvedt, Kelly Solberg and Mike Burns

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kelly Solberg, who resigned from the City Council after the October 17, 2016 meeting, recommended that the Council appoint Diana Baker to fulfil her vacated position on the Council.

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Grubb made a motion to approve the claims through November 3, 2016 in the amount of \$59,179.84. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3 to 0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss made a motion to approve the October 17, 2016 minutes and the October 20, 2016 Payroll in the amount of \$76,771.91, and the November 3, 2016 Payroll in the amount of \$71,715.72. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS:

Sealed bids for 5 vehicles were opened and read. The bids are as follows:

1991 Ford Pickup	Keith Sammons	\$184.50
	Shane Hegle	\$457.00
1992 Fork Pickup	Jim Suta	\$350.00
	Keith Sammons	\$614.50
	Shane Hegle	\$766.00
	Patricia Reutzel	\$1,001.00
1995 Ford Pickup	Irene Martin	\$150.00
	Jim Suta	\$500.00
	Shane Hegle	\$812.00
	Keith Sammons	\$824.50
	John Damberger	\$1,100.00
2002 Chrysler Voyager	Irene Martin	\$400.00
	Danny DeZort	\$1,216.00
	Dillon Garrison	\$1,262.75
	Dennis Schaub	\$1,500.00
	Shane Hegle	\$1,565.00
	Morgan O'Brien	\$2,001.99
	Gary Reutzel	\$2,500.00
	Mike Burns	\$2,725.00
1990 Int'l Dump Truck	John Damberger	\$1,100.00
	Danny DeZort	\$1,716.00
	Dillon Garrison	\$6,270.00

Councilperson Curtiss moved to sell the vehicles to the highest bidders. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Raemaeker thanked Kelly Solberg for her over eight years of service to the City of Cut Bank as Councilperson. Her hard work and service is greatly appreciated by the entire community. She will be given a plaque to commemorate her service.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta's report was given. **Councilperson Grubb moved to accept the report. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance: City Attorney Smith has nothing new on the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the retainer agreement with Holly Franz, of Franz & Driscoll, PLLP. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. City Attorney Smith explained to the council that an objection has been filed against our water rights. The City has in the past used Holly Franz in water rights matters and City Attorney Smith would like to see us continue to use her as this is a field she specializes in. She has already started working on the matter, but needs to have this current agreement signed. **The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Operation of Emergency Dispatch and Telephone Service. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. Police Chief Schultz told the Council that a verbal agreement had been reached between Sheriff Billedeaux and former Police Chief Jeff Kraft in 2012. The agreement was that the City would pay \$60,000 for dispatch services, with a 3% increase annually. There was never a formal agreement signed and the City has been paying the same amount as the last year of the expired agreement. Chief Schultz has renegotiated with Sheriff Billedeaux and the City will be paying \$60,000 for the current budget year and the amount will increase by 3% annually. **The vote was called and the motion was carried with a vote of 3-0.**

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement to Provide Livescan Services and Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Livescan is a digital fingerprinting service provided by the Glacier County Sheriff's Department. Police Chief Schultz explained that fingerprinting has been a huge problem in the past from getting quality prints, to the submitting the prints to the State to be included in the State Database. This agreement covers the service of fingerprinting as well as the use of the Livescan. He explained that this service is essential to officer safety. In earlier negotiations, the Sheriff wanted \$10,000 a year for these services. Chief Schultz budgeted for \$7,500 and now the agreement has been lowered to \$5,000. **The vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.**

The regular meeting was suspended to hold the Public Hearing on the Floodplain Ordinance at 7:00.

Clerk-Treasurer Burley was sworn in by City Attorney Smith. When asked if the public hearing had been posted and advertised as required by law, she stated that it had been published twice and posted in 3 places. She stated that she received an affidavit of publication from the Pioneer Press and has received no public comment. City Attorney Smith then asked for comments from the public. **Hearing no additional comments from the public, City Attorney Smith adjourned the public hearing.**

At 7:10, with the public hearing adjourned, the regular meeting was reopened.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Ordinance 16-3, the Floodplain Ordinance. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Curtiss made a motion to approve Resolution 16-30 adopting the City of Cut Bank Floodplain Regulations. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion which carried with a 3-0 vote.

Letters of Intent were received prior to the meeting from four people seeking appointment to the council seat vacated by Kelly Solberg. Letters were received from Diana Baker, Dr. Randall Reasch, Randy Weaver and Tyson Michaels. Mayor Raemaeker asked the candidates if they would like to address the Council. Diana Baker, Randy Weaver and Tyson Michaels each addressed the Council, explaining why they are interested in serving on the Council and what qualifications they had. Dr. Reasch was not in attendance as he was out of the country. Members of the public and Council were given the opportunity to ask each candidate questions.

Mayor Raemaeker called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Curtiss voted for Mr. Weaver, Councilperson Grubb voted for Mr. Michaels, and Councilperson Kipp cast his vote for Mr. Michaels.

Mr. Tyson Micheals will be sworn in at the next regular meeting November 14, 2016 to be held at 6:30 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Councilperson Curtiss would like to continue discussion on ways the City can assist senior citizens on fixed incomes with their raising water and sewer bills. Clerk-Treasurer Burley has inquired into if and how other communities are assisting their senior and will report back to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.**

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor

