

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 19, 2020
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 Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:36 PM, Monday, October 19, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Kipp, Tim Curtiss and Doug Vermulm. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Police Chief Schultz, Building Inspector Yeagley, City Judge Berkram and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. Mayor Raemaeker, and Councilpersons Curtiss, Kipp, and Vermulm attended City Hall to allow the public to join the meeting in person. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling (zoom), Natasha Siliezar, Mike Wineman, Cheri Bundy

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Clerk-Treasurer Burley added a claim of \$25,934.00 for Karl Krapf Construction for the deck replacement at the swimming pool. This brings the total claims to \$167,656.66. **Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the claims through October 15, 2020 for \$167,656.66. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes and the payroll from October 1, 2020 for \$81,720.62 Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz presented his report. The number of calls has been high again this month but the number of arrests is down. The officers are getting tired as they have all been working many long days without breaks. The new officer has started and will need full training as this is his first position in law enforcement. He is scheduled to go to academy in January. Chief Schultz looks forward to March when the force should be at full strength. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Building Inspector Yeagley reported to the Council he has nothing new to report. There have been no new permits issued. **Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the Building Inspector's report. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council that things have been busy at City Hall. Annual reports are begin completed and together with Chief Schultz, they were able to request a draw from the MT Board of Crime Control Grant. Payroll Clerk Gobert is busy preparing for a Union Audit that will take place a

the end of the month. Clerk Treasurer Burley also cleared up some misinformation that had been given to the Council regarding the Street Lighting budget. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's report and Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 20-11, the BaRSAA resolution that is required for payment from the State. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. City Superintendent Suta asked if the matching funds would be paid back to Street Maintenance District #1 as it is the fund that paid for the work. Clerk-Treasurer Burley explained that the match had been budgeted as a transfer out of the general fund but it can be transferred to fund 2510. **A vote was called and the motion passed 3-0.**

Councilperson Kipp moved to appoint Mike Wineman to the Council to fill the vacancy left when Councilperson Nelson moved out of town. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Both Mr. Wineman and Natasha Siliezar were asked if they wanted to address the Council. It was explained that the seat would be for one year as the next municipal election will be held then. It was also reported that we will have another vacancy next month. **A vote was called and the motion passed 3-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported that the meeting of the Refuse District was unusual. There was a good attendance and since the conference room could not accommodate them all while social distancing was observed, the meeting was held outdoors. Future meetings will be held in the shop.

The October quarterly meeting of the Tri-City Interlocal was cancelled. Reports and financials will be approved via email.

Councilperson Kipp turned in his resignation. He is moving out of the City so he will no longer qualify to serve on the Council.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor

