

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
July 17, 2023  
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL & ZOOM

THESE MEETINGS WERE HELD VIA ZOOM & AT CITY HALL

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT

City Attorney Smith explained that the budget amendments had four parts. Three of these parts were because we received more back taxes than we expected. The fourth part was necessary in order to budget for the growth policy.

City Attorney Smith swore in City Clerk-Treasurer Burley. She explained that her responsibility in this process was to publish the notice of public hearing twice in the local newspaper. She stated it had been published twice and she had received the affidavit of publication in accordance with the law. When asked if she had received any public comments on this issue, she answered that she had not.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Winchell called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, July 17, 2023. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, and John Reynolds. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley, Police Chief Schultz, City Judge Carolyn Berkram, and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling, via Zoom, Tom Shock, Vernon Thomas, Justin Perry, and Silas Easterling

ABSENT: Councilperson Kacie Fey

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Reynolds moved to approve the claims through July 13, 2023, for \$959,265.35, including warrants 61317-61352. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2023, meeting, payroll from July 6, 2023, for \$206,850.46. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz reported on his statistics for May and June. He also commended Sgt Brotnov and Officers Jones and Fey. These men assisted the County Sheriff with a shooting and the Sheriff gave them kudos for the high caliber of police work they did. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion that passed 3-0.**

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report. **Councilperson Reynolds moved to accept the report. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council. She has been busy working on year end closing and the upcoming budget. **Councilperson Reynolds moved to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

City Superintendent Suta presented his report. When public comment was called for, Tom Shock asked when they water tank would be completed. Superintendent Suta told him that they

projected completion in October. **Councilperson Reynolds moved to accept the report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 23-05 allowing a street closure and alcohol on city property for the Friday night street dance during Lewis & Clark Festival. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion that passed 3-0.**

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve resolution 23-06, which requests a mail-in ballot for the general election on November 7, 2023. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve resolution 23-07, amending the 2022-2023 budget. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve resolution 23-08 to annex the property owned by RKF CB2, LLC, into city limits.** This is the site of the future O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store. Councilperson Curtiss asked if there was any reason that the Council should not approve the annexation and City Attorney answered that he was not aware of any. City Attorney Smith explained the ag exemption and stated it would have to be removed as we have been doing with other annexed properties. **Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported that he attended the North Montana Joint Refuse District meeting. There will be an executive meeting in the near future to discuss how the management handled the issue of not having liability insurance. MACO had contacted them in December, telling them that they would no longer be providing them with liability insurance. And when it ended, the District did not have any new insurer lined up, so the dumps had to be closed until insurance was procured.

Mayor Winchell attended the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting. They are busy getting ready for Lewis & Clark Festival but other than that, it has been business as usual.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Silas Easterling, 131 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, thanked City Superintendent Suta for his assistance in getting the dump opened with waivers last week. It was a huge help for his business.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kimberly Winchell, Mayor

