

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
April 1, 2024  
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL & ZOOM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM & AT CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilperson Fey called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, April 1, 2024. The following persons answered roll call: Councilpersons Maynard Nygaard, Doug Vermulm, and Kacie Fey. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley, City Attorney Bugni, Police Chief Schutz, and Clerk Treasurer Schultz. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Justin Perry, Charleen Alexander

ABSENT: Mayor Kim Winchell, Councilperson John Reynolds, Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vern Thomas of 20 4<sup>th</sup> ST SW asked for the minutes of last meeting to be amended. His wife's name is Patricia not Patty.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES: Minutes from March 18, 2024, as distributed

PAYROLL SUMMARY: Payroll summary for March 28, 2024, for \$110,881.54

CLAIMS: Claims through March 28, 2024, for \$32,952.10, warrants 62032-62061.

**Councilperson Nygaard moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**Superintendent Suta** submitted his report (attached).

**City Attorney Bugni** submitted her report (attached). City Attorney Bugni stated that she was excited about hiring the new City Legal Secretary, Charleen Alexander.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

**Councilperson Vermulm moved to approve the Jason Berg Photography conditional use Permit. Councilperson Nygaard seconded the motion.** In the public comment of this section Mr. Thomas of 20 4<sup>th</sup> St Sw asked if the conditional permit was if people came to your house. City Superintendent Suta stated that with the conditional use permit you are allowed to do business from your house. Vern Thomas asked if he would have to have a conditional permit if he was growing flowers from his greenhouse but would not be selling them out of his house but instead at events like farmers' market. City Superintendent Suta stated that he would not need a conditional permit but would have to have a business license. Councilperson Fey asked for a vote for the approval of the conditional use permit. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilperson Nygaard made a motion to approve Cory Sandon's Contract as Building Inspector. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.** The council and department heads thanked Building Inspector Yeagley for all his years of work for the city of Cut Bank.

**Councilperson Vermulm motioned to approve the Resolution 21-06 Signatories at Stockman Bank. Councilperson Fey seconded.** Councilperson Vermulm asked if this motion was just to put Donni Schultz as a designated signatory at Stockman Bank. The answer was yes. **Councilperson Fey asked for a vote. The approval of the Resolution passed 3-0.**

**Councilperson Nygaard made a motion to approve Resolution 24-07 authorizing participation in STIP. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion.** STIP is a short-term investment pool that the Clerk can invest the City's money in. City Attorney Bugni stated that the council had to mark check items on the paperwork but was unsure of what boxes were supposed to be checked. **City Attorney Bugni tabled this resolution until she could find out what boxes needed to be checked.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the Cut Bank/Glacier County Airport Authority was read. City Attorney Bugni will submit a response to the letter. She will contact Helena before filing a response. The City has allotted 2 mills to go to the Airport Authority. The County has also allotted 2 mills. The City has always given the 2 mills. City Superintendent Suta stated that it is hard to run the Airport Authority without more money. City Superintendent Suta also stated that if the Airport Authority cannot fund their expenditures, then the Airport will be turned back to the City and the County. If the City and the County take over the airport, then they would be responsible for all the bills. City superintendent stated that the City and the County might have to take into consideration the rate of inflation and how everything costs more these days. City Attorney Bugni suggested to put this issue on a work session after she responded to the Airport Authority.

WORK SESSION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief Schultz stated that on April 21<sup>st</sup> the Police Department will be holding interviews. Chief Schultz stated he will need someone from the Council to help with the interviews.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Councilperson Fey adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Donni Schultz , Clerk-Treasurer

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Kim Winchell, Mayor

