

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 6, 2020  
6:30 P.M. – 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, January 6, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Erik Nelson and Tim Kipp. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.*

ABSENT: *None*

VISITORS: *Doug Vermulm, Garth Stewart, Natasha Siliezar*

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILPERSON TO FILL VACANCY:** *Councilperson Curtiss moved to appoint Doug Vermulm to the open Council position. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelson. Councilperson Kipp thanked all those who showed interest in serving on the Council for their interest and encouraged them to run for office. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Councilperson Vermulm took a seat at the table.*

*Councilperson Kipp left the meeting.*

**CLAIMS:** *Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the claims through January 3, 2020 for \$158,581.93, which includes warrants 58073-58109. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.*

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: *None*

CONSENT AGENDA:

*Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the December 16, 2019 minutes and the payroll from December 26, 2019 for \$83,014.64. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0 with Councilperson Vermulm abstaining.*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

*City Superintendent Suta presented his report. We are experiencing many water meters breaking in recent months. These meters were purchased in 2013 but many of them were made in 2010, so their lives were shorter than expected. The company is replacing 652 meters/heads as we need them. Meters are being replaced monthly as they are detected to be broken. Superintendent Suta as written the DEQ a request to have the pH parameters changed from 7.8 - 8.0 to 6.0 - 8.0 as most cities have in their wastewater permits. We are not capable of meeting the current requirement. The new garbage truck is due to arrive any time now. Superintendent Suta also reviewed the water project's previous phases and explained what the upcoming Phase IV includes. Councilperson Curtiss asked if the project could be started with Central Avenue near Main Street where the project will most affect businesses. It would be best to address this with our engineers prior to bidding so it can be included in the plan to be bid. Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.*

OLD BUSINESS: *None*

NEW BUSINESS:

***Councilperson Nelson moved to approve Amendment 6 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement for the Wastewater Project. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion that carried unanimously.***

***Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 20-01 to commit funds to the water project phase IV. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion that passed 3-0.***

***Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Wastewater Project Draw for \$279,450.02 from the USDA grant. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.***

CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

WORK SESSION: *None*

COMMITTEE REPORTS: *Tri-City Interlocal will be having its annual meeting next week, on January 16, 2020. At that time, the records will be turned over to Conrad, who will be doing the bookkeeping for the next 4 years. The old jet truck was put up for auction and no bids were received on it.*

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM.*

*Attest:*

*Approve:*

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*Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer*

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*Dan Raemaeker, Mayor*