

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 18, 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, February 18, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Tim Kipp and Erik Nelson. 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: Darrell Berkram, Carolyn Berkram, Tony Sitzmann

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the claims through February 14, 2020 for \$108,027.75, which includes warrants 58170-58210. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes and the payroll from February 6, 2020 for \$81,183.06. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz presented his report. They experienced medium number of calls last month. The new officer will be attending academy in September. Josh has been at the forefront of a multiagency drug task force. Crimestoppers is being rejuvenated. Interested residents can contact Chair Amber Simonds to help. **Councilperson Kipp moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Building Inspector Yeagley was absent but prepared a written report that listed all of the open permits. **Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the Building Inspector's report. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley gave the Council a report of the recent federal audit. It was a good audit.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council reviewed the Memo of Understanding with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The memo states that Officer Simonds will be supplied with a vehicle, fuel and insurance while working with the federal agents. Training costs will also be covered by the FBI. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Memo of Understanding with the FBI. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion that carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Tony Sitzmann addressed the Council in regards to a business he is trying to get off the ground. The business is a dog food plant that he would like to have located on airport property. Mr. Sitzmann's hope is that the City/County will donate the land for his business. He asked if the Council will be in favor of such a business and was told that his first step should be to present to the Airport Authority since they have governance over the airport. The plant would need between 100 and 300 acres of land and would include a slaughterhouse for cattle, swine and poultry; as well as a settling pond and a refuse pile. The downside of such a business is the odor of the livestock and compost pile. The business would need to be completely fenced to keep out bears. Mr. Sitzmann thanked the Council for their consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Kipp reported that the Chamber has been busy. Their Annual Banquet will be held on April 18, 2020, at the Civic Center. They are looking for Chamber Up hosts.

Councilperson Curtiss reported that the Tri-City Interlocal audit was completed last week and the bookkeeping and Head Superintendent duties have now been transferred to Conrad.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor