

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2021
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 Dan Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, April 5, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Mike Wineman, Doug Vermulm, and Kim Winchell. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Police Chief Mike Schultz, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley, City Judge Carolyn Berkram and Utility Billing Clerk Cheri Bundy. Councilpersons Curtiss, Wineman, and Winchell attended City Hall to allow the public to join the meeting in person. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS:

ABSENT: City Clerk-Treasurer Lina Burley

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the claims through March 31, 2021 for \$61,816.93. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the March 15, 2021 minutes, the payroll from March 18, 2021 for \$74,541.59 and from April 1, 2021 for \$72,150.98. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: All department heads will report to the Council at the next meeting on April 19, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Raemaeker reported to the Council that the building codes have been adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Councilperson Winchell reported that the Community Challenge Grant for the Bark Park requires that big line items; path, fencing, equipment charges, fuel costs, etc. will need to be quoted. Volunteer time can make up the difference in what the City can do and what the grant can provide. Superintendent Suta will meet with her for further discussion on costs. He stated that City Worker hours will need to come out of the general fund, not public works. Councilperson Wineman asked if the Capital Improvement Fund could be used. Superintendent Suta said that it was designated for big expense items that may need to be replaced unexpectedly. The estimated budget for the Bark Park improvement plan is less than \$50,000.00. The grant paperwork is due April 15th and will be awarded in June or July with expenditure to be completed by November 10th. It will be in the next budget year, so we could budget for some of it. Chief Shultz said that maybe some of the money from the American Rescue Plan could be used.

The bid opening for the SW lift station project was held on February 23rd. The lone bidder was Copper Creek Construction with a bid of \$305,000 plus. Amy Deitehler of Great West Engineering said that we should accept the bid and approve the hiring of Copper Creek Construction. Superintendent Suta said that we have the funding, but the bid came in high. The cost of materials is going up every day. He advised that we should have a quick meeting this Thursday, April 8, at 6:30 to accept and approve and get things started with the project. There was some discussion about separating the two schedules of the Phase 4 Water Project. This would give us opportunity for more grant funding since there is no outside funding available for the tank cost. We would have to borrow less, and there would be less of a water rate increase. C & C Excavation will be awarded the pipeline portion of the schedule.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 19th at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Cheri Bundy, Utility Billing Clerk

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor