

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 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, February 1, 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, Vermulm and Winchell attended City Hall to allow the public to join the meeting in person. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling (zoom)

ABSENT: City Clerk-Treasurer Lina Burley

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through January 28, 2021 for \$59,002.35. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes, the payroll from January 21, 2021 for \$81,763.42. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported to the Council that due to no snow, the crew has mainly been working on maintenance projects and cleaning up garbage. Several signs have been replaced due to wind damage. The water plant crew finished cleaning their basins, and a leak was discovered and repaired on the water district line. The wastewater plant is operating well. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

City Attorney Smith reported that a Court decision allowed the City Crew to go in and cleanup the disreputable property of a resident. He is currently reviewing police department policy manual updates and finalizing property records on the Jase Keene exchange. City Court was not in session either Christmas or New Year's week. He has been spending most of his time doing criminal prosecutions. **Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the City Attorney's report. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Tri City Interlocal needs to have another Councilperson for their board. Councilperson Curtiss is already on the board. Councilperson Winchell said that she would be willing to fill the position. **Councilperson Curtiss made the motion to approve the appointment of Councilperson Winchell to the Tri City Interlocal Board. Councilperson Wineman made the second. Motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Councilperson Wineman questioned whether the water authority letter had been sent out so he could get the information about the meetings. City Attorney Smith reported that he sent the letter to Mayor Raemaeker who will get that taken care of right away. Councilperson Wineman also spoke with Stephanie Eney regarding his role on the Chamber board. He was informed by Councilperson Curtiss that his role would be to observe, then report back to the Council.

Police Chief Shultz informed the Council that he will be hiring for two positions by the end of the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Curtiss reported on the Tri City Interlocal meeting that was held virtually in January. The appointed officers were just rolled over from last year. The next meeting will be in April and they are hoping to be able to have their annual dinner at that time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 1st at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Cheri Bundy, Utility Billing Clerk

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor