

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 2020
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council President Curtiss called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, February 3, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Erik Nelson and Doug Vermulm. 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: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilperson Tim Kipp

VISITORS: Jennifer Biegler, Tanya Harper

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the claims through January 30, 2020 for \$599,288.71, which includes warrants 58147-58164. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes and the payroll from January 23, 2020 for \$81,653.03 Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta presented his report. The water leak on 4th Avenue has been repaired. The DEQ will be changing out pH parameters on the next sewer permit to be in line with other cities. For this year, we will receive one violation letter for the year instead of receiving one and having to reply to it every month. The new garbage truck has arrived. We will be making some adjustments to it and it will be in service soon. **Councilperson Nelson moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

Tanya Harper addressed the Council for the second time about the delinquent water bill that she became responsible for when she took over the Big Sky Café Property. She presented the Council with a letter from her attorney, Thane Johnson. He feels that the City did not follow its policy and the bill should not be owed by Ms. Harper. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to table the discussion until the next meeting. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and motion carried.** Ms. Harper stated that she may be unavailable at the next meeting but would let Clerk-Treasurer Burley know so the discussion could be held at a time when she could be present.

The Council reviewed its options for the water tank repair or replacement. Great West Engineer, Joel Pilcher, was called and answered several questions the Council asked. **Councilperson Nelson moved to proceed with the pre-stressed concrete tank, with the rate hike of \$6 to \$7 and financing to be 30 years. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Nelson moved to approve Task Order #13 for the engineering of the phase IV of the water project. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Jennifer Biegler told the Council that she spoke with Erik Lane of DPHHS about the new ruling regarding swimmers 14 years of age and younger. The current rule is that these children must be accompanied by an adult while swimming at a public pool. The State is currently rewording the rule to say that there must be a responsible person with them. The lifeguards have adequate training to be considered a responsible person. With the change in wording in the works, Mr. Lane suggested that the City not worry about requesting a variance as we won't need one once the rule is changed. Ms. Biegler also recommended not variance be requested at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported that he had attended the Executive Committee Meeting for the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority. They are moving toward Havre with lines and phase I should be completed in 2 years.

Police Chief Schultz reported that the Port Authority held some training on personality traits.

No progress has been made on getting county funding for the airport. The County Commissioners minutes reflect that they are going to pay their portion but no payments have yet been paid.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor