

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 4, 2021  
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM & AT CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:360 PM, Monday, January 4, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Kim Winchell and Mike Wineman. Also present were City Attorney Robert Smith, City Superintendent Jim Suta, City Judge Berkram, Police Chief Schultz, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held via Zoom with several in attendance at the City Hall to accommodate anyone who wished to be present.

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the claims through December 30, 2020 for \$65,538.51. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Police Chief Schultz would like to discuss any possible changes to our personnel policy brought on the recent legalization of marijuana.

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the December 21, 2020 minutes and the payroll from December 24, 2020 for \$81,677.19. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta presented his monthly report. Garbage in alleys continues to be a problem and the crew is busy picking it up daily. There have been several dumpsters repaired lately and returned to service. The crew rewired the speed sign that is near the school and it is once again working. **Councilperson Winchell moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**City Attorney Smith gave his report to the Council. Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion that carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

**Councilperson Vermulm nominated Tim Curtiss to be Council President. No other nominations were made. A vote was called, and Councilperson Curtiss was unanimously voted in as President.**

A list of properties with no water service due to disconnection for non-payment was reviewed. The properties may be occupied and since it is against City Code to live in a residence with no water service, these occupants need to vacate the properties. City police will check the status of these properties to see if they are indeed occupied and if so, then the list will be given to City Attorney Smith so that letters to cease and desist can be sent.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you note received from Edward Jones was read. It thanked the City Crew for their help with Trunk or Treat.

WORK SESSION: A discussion of possible changes to the personnel policy was discussed. Since the State legalized the recreational use of marijuana, the policy will need to be reworded. City Attorney Smith is aware of this issue and has already been researching it and working on the policy.

Councilperson Wineman reported to City Superintendent Smith that the front door lock is not working properly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta told the Council that the Water Authority is been working on projects.

Police Chief Schultz reported that he will be resigning from the Port Authority Board. Councilperson Wineman is on the Board so it will not be necessary for Chief Schultz to attend the meetings as well.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Dan Raemaeker, Mayor