CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 15, 2020
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL & ZOOM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dan Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:35 PM, Monday, June 15, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm and Erik Nelson. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Police Chief Schultz, Building Inspector Yeagley, City Judge Berkram and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Curtiss and Nelson were in attendance at City Hall in order to allow the public to join the meeting in person. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: None

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: **Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the claims through June 11, 2020 for $293,603.57, which includes warrants 58489-58520 and electronic checks – 99874-99875. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. Roll Call votes were taken throughout the meeting.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the June 1, 2020 minutes, the payroll from June 11, 2020 for $77,171.75 and the May financials for $6,700,712.10. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilperson Kipp joined the meeting at City Hall.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz presented his report. Calls and arrests were up drastically in May and it is looking like June is going to be equally busy.   The department charged 9 felonies in May. Chief Schultz has now been sworn in by the US Marshal Service. Recent training has been done in de-escalation technique. Katie has written 2 grants and both were successful. One is the Covid-19 related grand and the other is for vests. The Board of Crime Control grant will cover overtime, laptop computers, cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment. **Councilperson Nelson moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Building Inspector Yeagley's reported to the Council that he has no new permits and he has not been very busy lately. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Building Inspector's report.   Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

City Attorney Smith explained to the Council why he is asking for a $6,000 raise. Questions were asked about other billable responsibilities and whether City Attorney Smith would be charging for them in the future, as he has not billed for them in the past even though they are listed in the contract.

Councilperson Kipp moved to accept the City Attorney Contract for 2020-2021. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE**:** None

WORK SESSION: Councilperson Curtiss asked if it would be possible to open the pool later this summer. City Superintendent Suta detailed all the repairs that will be done this summer. They will take most of the season, if not all. It was asked if the splash park could perhaps be opened. The only access to the spray park is through the pool area and that area will be under construction so it will not be safe to open the splash park either.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Curtiss reported that the Tri-City Interlocal quarterly meeting will be in July, in Conrad, as scheduled.

Police Chief Schultz reported that the annual meeting of the Glacier County Port Authority would be held Thursday and he would like to see changes made to the grant process including a competitive process. It is not known at this time if funding will be available from the County for the Port Authority for the upcoming year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest: Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer   Dan Raemaeker, Mayor