

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 27, 2022
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 Winchell called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Thursday, January 27, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Mike Wineman, and Doug Vermulm. Also present were City Attorney Robert Smith, Judge Berkram (via Zoom), Building Inspector Yeagley (via Zoom) Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Kacie Fey, Matt Connors, Vernon Thomas, Cesar Morales, JR Myers, Dave Dosch, Denim Dosch, LeAnne Kavanagh and Ashley Kavanagh. Attending via Zoom was Brenda Schilling and Neva McCombs. Brenda Schilling was unable to comment during the session.

ABSENT: None

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to appoint Kacie Fey to the City Council. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

LeAnne Kavanagh asked if she could comment since public comment was not asked for before the vote. Mayor Winchell apologized for forgetting to ask for comment and asked for public comment at this time. Ms. Kavanagh asked what criteria the Council had used for their selection

since there was no discussion whatsoever between them before the unanimous vote. Each member of the Council thanked everyone who was interested in the appointment and stressed that it is wonderful to see so many people step up. The Council had visited with each other before the meeting but its conversations had only been between 2 of the council at a time. There was never a quorum. It was expressed by each of the councilpersons that Kacie Fey would reach a different group of people than the other Council members and they also felt that she would have been elected had it been a scheduled election.

Other public comments included J.R. Myers who said that the City website is outdated. Mayor Winchell told the group that the City is working on getting a new platform and it will be user friendly so employees can update the website in the future.

It was also suggested that a reader board outside of City Hall might be a nice way to inform the public of events and meetings.

Kacie Fey was sworn in as City Councilperson and she took her seat at the table.

Mayor Kim Winchell appointed Councilperson Mike Wineman to the Tri-City Interlocal Board.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve TSEP Draw #4 for \$2,369.00. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Curtiss reported that Tri-City Interlocal had its annual meeting and elected new officers. The bookkeeping will remain in Conrad for the year.

Also meeting this week was the COPSS group. They will meet by holding a Town Hall Meeting at the Civic Center on February 16, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.** The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor