

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 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 Kim Winchell called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, February 7, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Mike Wineman, and Kacie Fey. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley (via Zoom), City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schutz, and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Cesar Morales and Helen McConnaughey

ABSENT: Councilperson Doug Vermulm

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: City County Planning Board

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CLAIMS: Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the claims through February 3, 2022, for \$113,212.29 warrants 59979-60029. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the January 19, 2022, minutes (as amended) and the January 27th minutes (as amended), the payroll from January 20, 2022, for \$73,265.73 and the payroll from February 3, 2022 for \$78,889.58. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta presented his monthly report. **Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

City Attorney Smith reported that there is no room to have a ten-foot easement at the property to the east of the Lutheran Church on Main Street. There is only enough room for a 6' x 2' easement. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Building Inspector's Report: Building Inspector Yeagley reported that FEMA will be auditing our flood pain management plan next week. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the building inspector's report and Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve TSEP Draw #3 for \$212,796.61. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: The zoning ordinance was reviewed. Manufactured homes should be allowed. They are actually stick built homes that are built indoors. Prefabricated are allowed and always have been allowed. Council would like better definitions for mobile, manufactured and modular homes. We may need to add some pre-requisites to the mobile home areas. This could include the age and condition of the home. City Superintendent Suta will look for the most current zoning ordinance as the one in the code book is outdated. Council will review this code, title 11, at the next regular meeting.

In reviewing codes 3 & 4, the Council was made aware that in order to make an exception to the open container law, a resolution would need to be passed. Groups who normally request an exception to this law will need to come before the Council in plenty of time for the City Attorney to draft a resolution and have it approved by Council prior to the group's event. It was suggested that City Attorney Smith create a template resolution to make it faster to create on when asked.

Mayor Winchell gave the Council an update on the City's website. Preferred IT will be moving it to a more user-friendly platform, and it will have a whole new look and will contain much more information.

Mayor Winchell appointed Councilperson Fey to be the City's representative on the Farmer's Market Board.

At the next regular meeting, all boards and committees will be reviewed to ensure that we have representatives appointed.

Helen McConnaughey addressed the Council. She offered her assistance in any projects that may benefit her assistance. She has a background in engineering and feels she could contribute by volunteering.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Wineman reported that the COPSS committee will be presenting to the Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at the Civic Center.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor