

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 4, 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, April 4, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Kacie Fey, and Cesar Morales. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley, City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schutz, and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas and Helen McConnaughy

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Councilperson Vermulm asked if there was any update on the Glacier Motel. City Superintendent Suta replied that he had visited with Don Burlingame and Don informed him that he is working with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. He signed paperwork with them recently and they will be doing the clean-up.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vernon Thomas asked when the gate to the Cut Bank Creek Park will be opened for the season. City Superintendent Suta stated that it will Open on April 15, 2022.

Councilperson Fey stated that Cut Bank Auto Shop will be donating their services on April 14, 2022, to tow vehicles that have been tagged by the police department. Vehicles will be taken to the City Shop once towed. To date, around eighteen vehicles have been tagged. Residents who know of vehicles that have been sitting on the street for over a week can contact the Police Department.

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through April 1, 2022, for \$356,041.61, warrants 60139-60170. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Fey moved to approve the March 21, 2022, minutes as amended and the payroll from March 31, 2022, for \$66,221.97. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**Superintendent Suta** reported that C&C Excavation will be in town working on the water distribution project on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Digging will begin on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The street crews are busy patching potholes. There have been street signs replaced after being damaged by the high winds. Street sweeping has also begun, and the public is asked to be patient as this first round is always the hardest to get the streets clean as there is a lot of buildup being removed. The crew has also been busy rebuilding dumpsters that were in disrepair. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**City Attorney Smith** reported that it was a busy month with City Court and several cases that needed his attention. **Councilperson Fey moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Morales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Winchell received a message from Julie Vanek. Ms. Vanek asked if the City Crew regularly removed garbage from around the dumpsters and

throughout the alleys. City Superintendent Suta stated that the dumpsters are emptied regularly but the only time the crew picks up all the other garbage in the alleys is during clean-up week. During all times, other than clean-up week, placing unwanted items around a dumpster is littering. Complaints of this type are handled by the Police Department who investigate and then educate the offenders. Clean-up week will be the week of May 16, 2022, and that is the time to leave your unwanted items out for pickup.

#### WORK SESSION:

Council reviewed titles five and six and felt that the changes suggested at the last meeting by Police Chief Schultz were adequate and had no further changes to the titles.

The Council also reviewed the committees and boards. Councilperson Morales was appointed to sit on the Board of Appeals and the Executive Committee. Councilperson Curtiss will be serving on the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority Board and Councilperson Vermulm was appointed to the Sweetgrass Development Board. Appointed to the Port Authority was Councilperson Morales who will join the recently appointed Rod Cline. Councilperson Fey was appointed to the Tri-City Interlocal Board. The Council would like to see the Beautification Committee become active again so anyone wishing to be involved on the Committee should contact City Hall. Previous members will be asked to sit on the committee as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Winchell reported that the COPSS will meet this Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 6:00 PM at City Hall. They will be holding a presentation at the Civic Center on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

Vernon Thomas asked if the City could do anything about the mattresses and junk that are being piled on the hill above his house. Police Chief Schultz told him that he is aware of what he is referring to and that it is not in corporate city limits. It is a Glacier County issue. The County has warned the owner not to burn there as he has in the past burned things during a high wind.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kim Winchell, Mayor