

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 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, Monday, April 18, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Kacie Fey, Tim Curtiss and Doug Vermulm. Also present were City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley, Police Chief Schultz (via Zoom) and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon and Patricia Thomas, Helen McConnaughy

ABSENT: Councilperson Cesar Morales

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sarah Converse of Sweetgrass Development gave an update on the Glacier Motel. Superintendent Suta stated that he had been in contact with the Environmental Protection Agency and they will be in the area next week to assess the cost of cleanup. Superintendent Suta and Mayor Winchell will be meeting with them at the site.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Vermulm moved to approve the claims through April 14, 2022 for \$83,526.65, including warrants 60171-60201. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion.

When asked for any discussion, Vernon Thomas asked if the Council had ever looked into getting a wind turbine to help with the cost of electricity. He asked if he could look into it for the City as he believes that it would not only save a lot on electricity bills but could generate some revenue if Glacier Electric would buy our excess power. The Council gave him the okay to look into wind power. **A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 meeting, payroll from April 14 2022 for \$75,585.78. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief

Councilperson Fey moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. The Chief reported that the impounding of several vehicles went smoothly. They also had another call that dealt with a firearm and it was handled very well. **Vote was called and motion passed unanimously.**

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the report. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Mr. Yeagley reported that he feels we can switch "manufactured" to "modular" and visa versa to make the code better. There will have to be a public hearing to change the zoning and it can include the flood plain as well. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council

Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Clerk Treasurer Burley reported that we have signed on with ApplicantPro, a company that will assist us in our hiring process. Ads for jobs will be posted online to many social media sites and applications can be taken online as well. She will be gone the first week of May to Institute in Bozeman. **Motion passed 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Sarah Converse discussed what becoming a member of Sweetgrass Development would do for the City. Council asked questions and were informed of the annual meeting to be held tomorrow and encouraged to attend via Zoom if they were not able to attend in person. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to join Sweetgrass Development and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Winchell explained to the Council that when the Cut Bank Trails Billboard project was put on the agenda it was with the understanding that they would be present to give details to the board. With no one from the trails present, **Councilperson Curtiss moved to table the discussion until such a time that someone from Cut Bank Trails could be present. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion that passed 3-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kimberly Winchell, Mayor

