

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 21, 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, June 19, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Kacie Fey, and Cesar Morales (via Zoom). Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley, Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling, Tom Shock, Bob Olson

ABSENT: Doug Vermulm

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through June 17, 2022, for \$290,513.04, including warrants 60323-60352. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Fey moved to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2022, meeting, payroll from June 9, 2022, for \$76,420.59. Councilperson Curtiss 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. Chief Schultz reported that he hired three new officers and has a good feeling about them. He has been picky about who he hires, and it has paid off. A vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report. He will send the new state adopted codes to City Attorney Smith and then the Mayor will adopt it as well. City Attorney Smith asked what was being done to the store front across the street for the Police Department and was told that it was a beautification project that Lisa Cline is overseeing. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the report. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

At this time Chief Schultz asked to discuss a topic that had not been on his report. He finds the current curfew very confusing for both citizens and officers. He would like to see it changed to 10:30 curfew for those under 14 years of age and 12:30 for those 14 to 17. This would eliminate any confusion. The part of the ordinance that states a juvenile can be out past curfew with a note from a parent needs to be changed. The note needs to state a specific purpose of being out.

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council. She reported on the progress of the reorganizing of the Beautification Committee. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 2022-03, the approval for Cut Bank Creek Brewery to sell canned beer at the Farmer's Markets this summer. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

District Judge Olson reported that he was prepared to report to the Council that he would no longer be using the City Courtroom, but the roof at the Courthouse once again started leaking, leaving the courtroom unsuitable for court. He will be asking to take his district court cases to Toole County as their courtroom is more appropriate. Judge Berkram reported that she will not be going to Toole County. The Council asked for another report from the judges in 6 weeks.

**It was decided to put the appointment of a Port Authority Board Member on hold until a meeting where all the Council are present.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

## WORK SESSION:

Mayor Winchell reported to the Council that the Beautification Committee has been meeting with little success of attracting new members. Council was encouraged to seek members who will be active members.

The growth policy survey is ready to be sent out. It will be put online and in the local newspaper. Paper forms can also be printed. The survey will run 2-3 weeks.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta reported that the Northern Montana Refuse District met, and our landfill charges will be raised by \$20 next year. With the increased cost of fuel, it has become necessary to raise the rates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kimberly Winchell, Mayor