

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
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 6, 2022. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Kacie Fey, and John Reynolds. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley, City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schutz, City Judge Berkram and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Brenda Schilling (via Zoom), Sarah Converse (via Zoom)

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kim Stoltz asked the Council why the Splash Park was not open last summer. She hopes to see it open this year. She also reported that the playground needs some more gravel. Ms. Stoltz believes that the community must be kept vital for young families to choose to live here. City Superintendent stated that the reason that the Splash Park was not open last year was because the probes necessary to run it were used to run the pool. Replacements were ordered but are still not available. As soon as we can get some replacements this season, the Splash Park will be open.

Vernon Thomas asked if it is okay to take material from the compost pile. He also asked if there is an ordinance against parking vehicles on lawns. City Superintendent Suta replied that the compost pile is the possession of the refuse district, and he would have to contact them with the question. There are regulations regarding the parking of junk vehicles on lawns, but not running vehicles.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through February 2, 2022, for \$144,979.44 warrants 60904-60943. Councilperson Fey 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 January 17, 2023, minutes, the payroll from February 2, 2023, for \$85,707.22. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta presented his report. The first water break of the year occurred this morning and is not all repaired. **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 he has been working on the annexation project. **Councilperson Fey moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Vermulm moved to approved Draw #6 (B Loan) for the Phase IV Water Project. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to change the Council Meeting dates in January 2024 to Monday, January 8, 2024, and Monday, January 22, 2024. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Curtiss reported that the Tri-City Interlocal held their annual meeting and officers remained the same as last year.

Councilperson Reynolds reported that he attended the safety meeting and there were no accidents reported in 2022, making the program a success.

Police Chief Schultz reported that he is hoping to have testing and interviews for the patrolman position on February 27, 2023. He will need a hiring committee. Councilperson Fey volunteered to be on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor

