

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 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, March 6, 2023. 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 (via Zoom), 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, Scot Heisl (via Zoom), Bailey Hanson, Daniel Rettig, Wade Johnson, Jennifer & Patrick Biegler

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through March 2, 2023, for \$105,386.61 warrants 60975-61009. 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 February 21, 2023, minutes, the payroll from March 2, 2023, for \$83,370.77, and the December financials for \$9,969,066.49. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**Superintendent Suta** presented his report. The crew has been busy removing snow. **Councilperson Fey moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**City Attorney Smith** reported that he has been working on the annexation project. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

The Cut Bank Baseball Association was moving to the work session as the issue is not an issue for Council action.

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 23-02 annexing in by petition the Weinrich property. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Reynolds. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approved Draw #6 (B Loan) for the Phase IV Water Project for \$62,496.00. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

## WORK SESSION:

Discussion was held on setbacks for portable sheds. Councilperson Curtiss believes we need to better define portable sheds in the Ordinance. Daniel Rettig, 421 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, has a portable shed and while it is not outside of the setback, his neighbors have given their approval of where it is placed. It was asked why the setbacks are the way they are and Superintendent Suta explained that they are necessary for the fire department to do their job should they be needed. They also protect neighbors from snow and rail. Superintendent Suta recommended that the shed be allowed to remain as long as Mr. Rettig agrees to move it if needed.

Mayor Winchell explained that the Cut Bank Baseball Association's issue with the Sports Complex is not a Council matter since the Complex is governed by a Board and any issues should first go to the Board for resolution. Jennifer Biegler, CBBA, stated that the Complex wants to raise the fees for the association to play on the fields to \$5,000. She would like to see the City take back the north field and run it themselves. She wants to know where the fees the CBBA pays go. She stated that the CBBA pays for a lot of upgrades and all the seed and fertilizer are donated.

Wade Johnson, 436 Circle Drive, stated he would be happy to turn the north side back to the City. Board meetings are scheduled whenever there is business to be decided. The Complex is paying for fuel and electricity and everything else is paid for by the School. He is unaware of the donations mentioned.

Patrick Biegler said the CBBA attempted in the past to upgrade the field for \$17,000 but was told no by Wade Johnson. He stated that not all fields get water. Their field is not watered. The water goes through the North Cut Bank Water District. It is run through their meter and is subtracted each month from their usage. The City donates this water.

Mr. Biegler stated they have never received a breakdown of costs from the school and Mr. Johnson stated they have not received a breakdown of costs of the CBBA either.

City Attorney Smith stated that there should be an original agreement that outlines the responsibilities of every party.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz reported that he attended the Board of Health meeting and has again been voted as the Chairman. Their current concern is the very high incidence of STDs in Glacier County.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kim Winchell, Mayor