

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 20, 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 Winchell called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, March 20, 2023. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Winchell, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Kacie Fey, and John Reynolds. Also present were City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley, Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Larry Schwindt, Vernon Thomas

ABSENT: City Superintendent Jim Suta

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**CLAIMS: Councilperson Fey moved to approve the claims through March 16, 2023 for \$243,821.47, including warrants 61010-61050. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023, meeting, payroll from March 16, 2023, for \$82,601.00. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report.

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the report. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion.** Building Inspector Yeagley has been receiving many calls about zoning, mostly from realtors. **Motion to approve carried 4-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Winchell told the Council that there had been a miscommunication about the amendment to Ordinance 13-20 and it would not be necessary at this time. The topic arose at a Department Head's meeting and the issue was resolved without any Council action.

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Draw #5 of the RRG Grant for \$12,792.25. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

The Sports Complex was briefly discussed. Councilperson Curtiss stated that the Sports Complex Board was a functional board for many years. He believes they should track their expenses for a year to get back on the right track. City Attorney Smith found the original agreement setting out each party's responsibilities. He will get copies to the Mayor and Council President Curtiss. It was in the original agreement that the Board would meet monthly. Mayor Winchell has requested that a meeting be held soon. Property that was donated to the Complex had the stipulation that it be used for the Sports Complex and any other use of the property would revert the ownership back to the original owner(s). Police Chief Schultz stated that there are some ideas for more use of the Sports Complex that are being developed. There are ways to increase the usage and keep the ball fields used during the summer.

Councilperson Vermulm informed the Council that the Glacier Motel had suffered another fire the previous week. This time the structural integrity of the NE corner was involved, and it is very unsafe at this time. He cautions people to stay away from the building. Police Chief Schultz reported that they do know who was responsible for the fire and charges will be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Winchell attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. They are updating their membership and are working to gain back some members who have left.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kimberly Winchell, Mayor