

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

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Tom Shock, Silas Easterling, Justin Perry, Sarah Converse (via Zoom)

ABSENT: Tim Curtiss

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sarah Converse reported that Sweetgrass Development will be sending an invoice to the City soon. The Glacier Motel and Mercantile projects are well underway. They are forming a housing consortium and the first board meeting will be held on June 28, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

CLAIMS: **Councilperson Fey moved to approve the claims through June 2, 2023, for \$296,159.30 warrants 61188-61226. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Vermulm moved to approve the May 15, 2023, minutes, the payroll from May 25, 2023, for \$94,901.49. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**Superintendent Suta** presented his report. The crew completed their two weeks of sewer jetting in Cut Bank. They are also dura-patching when time and the weather permits. There was a lot of garbage hauled away during Clean Up Week. The pool is being prepared for opening soon. Superintendent Suta also reported that he has been in contact with the school about their addition. The street will have one side cordoned off while the project is being completed. **Councilperson Reynolds moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

**City Attorney Smith** presented his report. He attended the Attorney's Institute. **Councilperson Fey moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

City Attorney Smith read the Amendment to Ordinance 7.04. This deletes the mandatory jail sentence for having a vicious animal. A date for the public hearing will be set soon.

**Councilperson Fey moved to approve the renewal of the Building Inspector's Contract for 2023-2024. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

In the absence of Glacier Property Group, City Superintendent Suta explained to the Council the need to extend the sewer line located in the alley between the 0 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW and the 0 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW. It will need to be extended by over 100 feet. There are currently three

residents on a four" sewer line. One the Glacier Property Group runs a new private line, it will cut off one resident's access to the City sewer main. Instead, we need to run a six" main and all houses will be served. The projected cost of this is \$15,000 to \$18,000. It will not overburden the current system and will allow for future growth. **Councilperson Vermulm moved to approve the funding for this project. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Superintendent Suta read a letter he received from Joyce Ackerman of the EPA.

WORK SESSION: Clerk Treasurer led a micro-ed session in the branches of government and the duties of each branch. There will be a micro-ed during the work session of each first meeting of the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta attended the recent Airport Authority meeting. They are in dire need of additional funding since the County did not levy their mills for 2 years.

Mayor Winchell reported that she will be asking the Council for a report in the future but is still working on what will be reported. She thanked everyone who had put in extra work to make the transition to a new Park & Rec Director position go smoothly. The Mayor has ordered chairs for the pool and has purchased some shade structures for around the pool also.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Kim Winchell, Mayor

