

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 7, 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 6:31 PM, Monday, August 7, 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, Silas Easterling, Tom Schock,

ABSENT: Councilperson Tim Curtiss

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Fey moved to approve the claims through August 3, 2023, for \$258,473.34 warrants 61354-61425. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Fey moved to approve the July 17, 2023, minutes, the payroll from Fully 20, 2023, for \$93,273.97 and the June Financials for \$8,975,375.61. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta presented his report. **Councilperson Reynolds moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

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 Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Vermulm moved to approved Draw #2 (ARPA) for the Phase IVB Water Project for \$129,956.15, A Loan for \$30,962.00, and B Loan for \$105,876.00. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Schock asked if there would be a wolf painted on the new water tank.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Mayor Winchell reported to the Council that the City County Planning Board had met, and they decided that they would prefer that Mayor Winchell appoint an advisory board for the Growth Policy. They will hold the public hearing and will be advisors. Councilperson

Reynolds stated that he could sit on the board if he did not have any conflicts. He will check his calendar and confirm that he can do it. Clerk-Treasurer Burley was asked to get Jerry Grebenc's contact info to Councilperson Reynolds.

During the Executive update, the Mayor presented the Council with a notice that the salary for the Mayor has been the same for 23 years. She presented the salaries of Mayors in other Third Class cities and offered the Council to use that as a reference for them to create a new salary, or she would come up with a salary and present it in the budget at the next meeting. She argues, among other things, that the current salary 23 years ago is worth twice the amount in today's wages, along with the time and effort that she has put into the office. She outlined multiple examples of projects years overdue that she has taken on to benefit the City.

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 August 21, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor