

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 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, June 19, 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, City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley (Zoom), Police Chief Schultz, and Utility Billing Clerk Cheri Bundy. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas and Justin Perry

ABSENT: Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through November 16, 2023, for \$184,182.27, including warrants 61635-61676. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Fey moved to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2023, meeting, payroll from November 9, 2023, for \$96,033.49. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Financials will be approved at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief

Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The police force has been busy patrolling and writing tickets.

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report.

Councilperson Fey moved to accept the report. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council

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

Department Head reports are attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 23-22 Intent to abandon the 4th St SW Road. Motion seconded by Councilperson Fey. City Attorney Smith explained that the road cannot be abandoned until a public hearing is properly noticed and held. This is a resolution of intent to do so. **Vote was called and motion passed unanimously.**

REMOVAL OF AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION ON O'REILLY AUTO PARTS PROPERTY: Bubba will look at this some more as tract A has already had the exemption removed. This will be tabled until the next meeting if necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Curtiss asked if there was any update on our request to the County for an MOU. Mayor Winchell stated that she had not heard anything and does not expect to hear anything.

Councilperson Curtiss also asked if there was a more in depth meeting with the Airport Authority planned. There are still questions about the outstanding loans. No meeting is planned at this time.

It was asked if there would be any action taken to get the debris cleaned up after the last Glacier Motel Fire. Superintendent Suta stated that there are often complaints about these fires, but there are many other buildings in Cut Bank that have burned and never been cleaned up. He feels that if one owner is expected to clean it up, then all owners should be expected to do the same.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.** The next regular meeting is December 4, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kimberly Winchell, Mayor

