

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 8, 2024
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL & ZOOM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM & AT CITY HALL

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ABANDONMENT OF STREET

City Attorney Smith called the public hearing to order at 6:35 PM. He stated that the hearing was being held for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed abandonment of 4th Street SW, between 2nd Ave SW and 3rd Ave SW. This action is being taken at the request of the owners of the adjacent property. City Attorney Smith swore in Clerk-Treasurer Burley. She explained that her responsibility in this process was to publish the notice of public hearing twice in the local newspaper. She stated it had been published twice and she had received the affidavit of publication in accordance with the law. When asked if she had received any public comments on this issue, she answered that she had not.

After calling for comments three times and receiving none, City Attorney Smith adjourned the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Kim Winchell (via Zoom) called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:40 PM, Monday, January 8, 2024. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 (via Zoom), City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schutz, and Clerk Treasurer Burley.

VISITORS: Vernon Thomas, Justin Perry, Ian & Melody Karle, Nick Parrish, Larry Schwindt and Maynard Nygaard.

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: **Councilperson Fey moved to approve the claims through January 4, 2024, for \$510,244.16 warrants 61735-61811. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Reynolds moved to approve the December 18, 2024, minutes, the payroll from January 4, 2024, for \$92,258.13. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta presented his report. There was another water break last Friday but the crew has it repaired. **Councilperson Vermulm moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Winchell thanked Superintendent Suta for all that his crew did to get nice holiday light displays.**

City Attorney Smith reported that he and Deputy Attorney Bugni have been busy with normal business. **Councilperson Reynolds moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Vermulm moved to appoint Councilperson Fey as Council President. Councilperson Reynolds seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Councilperson Vermulm moved to abandon 4th Street SW, between 2nd Ave SW and 3rd Ave SW. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Nick Parrish addressed the Council and asked that there be only one sewer and water tapping fee for the Vogt Subdivision. He presented maps and tapping rates and asked that he be allowed to tap into all 8 properties but only have to pay one tapping fee. After much discussion, Councilperson Vermulm moved to approve the request to extend services with one sewer and one water tapping fee. Councilperson Fey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Maynard Nygaard, Vernon Thomas, and Justin Perry addressed the Council and explained why they each wish to be appointed to the Council. Council members asked questions of the three candidates and also thanked them for their interest in serving on the Council. Council will vote on the appointment at their next regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Winchell adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Winchell, Mayor

