

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council President Curtiss called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, September 5, 2017. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Donovan Grubb, Tim Kipp, and Tyson Michaels. Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Superintendent Jim Suta, and City Attorney Robert Smith. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: Mayor Raemaeker

VISITORS: Erik Nelson, Brenda Schilling (Port Authority), and Adam Schwartz.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through August 31, 2017 for \$615,062.04. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: City Attorney Smith would like to discuss the water situation in the county.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the City Council Minutes from August 21, 2017. Councilperson Michaels seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Councilperson Michaels moved to approve the August 24, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$81,925.20. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta presented his report to the Council. He recommends leaving irrigation rates in effect until October 15, 2017 due to the extreme dry conditions this month. City Attorney Smith asked if there is a plan for if the Creek runs dry. The Blackfeet Irrigation Projects is not providing water now. Superintendent Suta pointed out that we will continue to use water from the Creek as long as it's available and when it is no longer available, we will get our water from the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority. **Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the City Superintendent's report. Councilperson Michaels seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilperson Michaels moved to approve Ordinance 17-02 regarding uncontrolled intersections. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Michaels moved to approve Draw #3 on SRF-18415 for \$345,482.00. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Councilperson Grub moved to approve Draw #3 on SRF-18416 for \$495,472.00. Councilperson Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: None

Police Chief Schultz joined the meeting.

WORK SESSION:

Water Given in Trade to Glacier County – Discussion was held on the trading of bulk water to the County for gravel. The water is not metered but is accounted for with the honor system. The trade seems to be working for both the City and the County.

Council President Curtiss told the Council that a Police Officer has been hired to patrol the business section of the City, particularly the area of Ideal Options. Cavin Fields is the new officer. Ideal Options has agreed to pay his wages but a contract will not be signed until the City Council has been told where the business will be relocating.

Mr. Adam Schwartz addressed the council. He would like to see more support services for addiction recovery in Cut Bank. He believes that one reason we have such a high addiction problem is the lack of resources.

Erik Nelson told the Council that Medicaid requires that there be counselling along with the suboxone and that up until now there has been no local counselling. Police Chief Schultz stated that a contract with Northern Winds in Browning is just now being finalized. There is also counselling available in Missoula.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Council President Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM.**

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Tim Curtiss, Council President