

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
June 4, 2018
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dan Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, June 4, 2018. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Donovan Grubb, Tim Kipp and Erik Nelson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Attorney Robert Smith, and Police Chief Mike Schultz. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: Tim Curtiss

VISITORS: Joel Pilcher, Brenda Schilling, J. W. Eaton, Julie Troy, LeAnne Kavanagh, Thelma and Gary Bjorkland.

PUBLIC COMMENT: J.W. Eaton asked the Council to reassess his garbage charges. He has spoken with City Superintendent Suta in the past, but has continued to be charged what he feels is too much. He stated that he is being charged for four businesses. Mayor Raemaeker told Mr. Eaton that he will speak with City Superintendent Suta and then get back to him.

The meeting was suspended in order to hold the Public Hearings at 6:35 PM.

The meeting was back in session at 6:50 PM.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through May 31, 2018 for \$110,283.49. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the City Council Minutes from May 21, 2018 and payroll from May 31, 2018 in the amount of \$69,694.77. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

In City Superintendent Suta's absence, Clerk-Treasurer relayed information to the Council. Councilperson Grubb moved to accept the report and Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Kipp moved to adopt Resolution 18-02 requesting distribution of BARSAA funds. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Councilperson Grubb moved to adopt Resolution 18-03 authorizing application for the TSEP grant for the water project. Councilperson Kip seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Councilperson Grubb moved to adopt Resolution 18-04 requesting distribution of BARSAA funds. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Councilperson Kipp moved to adopt Resolution 18-05 adopting the final PER and accepting funding scenario for the water project. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Councilperson Grubb moved to adopt Resolution 18-06 accepting findings of the environmental assessment and determining no need for environmental impact statement. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Councilperson Grubb moved to adopt Resolution 18-07 adopting the water rate increase. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Discussion raised concerns of whether the increase will be enough if the NCMRWA rates are raised the 194% proposed by the City of Shelby. Councilperson Nelson would like to see the City use some of our cash investments instead of borrowing money for the project. Discussion about this plan included concerns over the water fund not having enough of the investment so the General Fund would have to help with the funding. Also, if we do not borrow the funds from the State Revolving Fund, we will also lose the \$500,000 forgiveness loan that is included in the funding package. It was brought up that if this is not accepted at this time, it will shut down part of the work planned this summer. **The vote was**

called with Councilpersons Kipp and Grubb voting in favor of the resolution and Councilperson Nelson voting against the resolution. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

WORK SESSION: none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2018.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor