

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 2018
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, March 19, 2018. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Donovan Grubb, and Erik Nelson. Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, and City Superintendent Jim Suta, and Police Chief Michael Schultz. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: City Attorney Smith, Councilperson Tim Kipp

VISITORS: LeAnne Kavanagh

PUBLIC COMMENT: LeAnne Kavanagh addressed the Council regarding snow removal. Her concerns were giant ruts and valleys in the streets, snow piled on top of fire hydrants, and poor road conditions due to the large amounts of snow we have received recently. City Superintendent Suta stated that some water lines are quite shallow and in those areas we choose not to remove the snow. Another problem we have run into is when the weather gets warm during the day and starts melting the snow, then temperatures drop at night and all the melted snow becomes thick sheets of ice. When this happens, removal is nearly impossible. The City is using Ice Melt and the scraper. People are encouraged to call if they cannot get out of their homes or if they see storm drains that are clogged and causing backed up water. County funds are not available to help with this. Ms. Kavanagh will publish City Superintendent Suta's cell number, so residents can call him directly for help. The City is doing its best to remove the snow and help people whenever possible.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through March 15, 2018 for \$913,077.84. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the City Council Minutes from March 5, 2018 and the March 8, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$74,950.74 and the February financials for \$5,575,643.50. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz presented his February report. Elijah Katcher was hired as a police officer. The position of administrative assistant has been vacated so the department has received applications and will be hiring soon. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the city superintendent's report. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion that passed 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Approval of Personnel Policy Amendment: Discussion was tabled until next meeting when City Attorney will be present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Curtiss reported that the Glacier Port Authority met, and he attended the meeting. Funding for the Authority comes from taxes, but entities can be asked to donate for future projects. Councilperson Curtiss explained that a group of bird watchers attended the meeting. They are seeking funding for a place to view the Red Tail Falcons that are native to the area.

WORK SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2018.

Attest:**Approve:**

 Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

 Dan Raemaeker, Mayor

