

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 5, 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 5, 2018. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Donovan Grubb, and Erik Nelson. Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Attorney Robert Smith, and City Superintendent Jim Suta. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ABSENT:** None**VISITORS:** Dalton Esty, Carl Esty, James Esty, Kathy Esty, Hunter Kennedy, Greg Kennedy, Ray and Calcie Stubbs, and William Spiegel.**CLAIMS:** Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through March 2, 2018 for \$1,250,978.37. Councilperson Curtiss 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 February 5, 2018 and the February 8, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$70,877.12, and the February 22, 2018 payroll for \$75,247.09, as well as the January financials for \$5,981,890.16. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.**

Councilperson Kipp joined the meeting.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

City Superintendent Suta reported that his crew has been busy sanding, plowing, and removing snow from the streets. There was a water break on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and it has been repaired. The wastewater treatment plant is coming along nicely. **Councilperson Grubb moved to accept the city superintendent's report. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion that passed 4-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve CoBank Draw #4 for \$926,095.98. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding changing our employee handbook to qualify employees who are out on workers' compensation to receive health insurance and to set a time limit for how long the City would pay for the insurance once an employee was not working. Councilperson Curtiss suggested forming a committee to meet and make a recommendation on the policy changes to the Council at the next regular meeting. Committee will consist of Department Heads, City Attorney and Councilpersons Curtiss and Nelson. They will meet on Thursday at 6:00 pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilperson Curtiss reported that the Glacier Port Authority had been cancelled due to the weather and had not been rescheduled. He requested that the agendas be emailed to all council members,

Mayor Raemaeker reported that he appointed Mike and Patty Moran to the Transit Committee.

**WORK SESSION:**

Councilperson Grubb asked Superintendent Suta if he had talked to the Department of Transportation about the deteriorating sidewalks that were discussed at the last meeting. Superintendent Suta was told that they would take a look at it once the snow is gone.

Superintendent Suta addressed the council with concerns about the water rate increase. In order to meet the requirements for the Phase III project, and fund our reserves, the rate increase will need to be at least \$.9.25 per customer.

**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:**

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Dan Raemaeker, Mayor