

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
May 7, 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, May 7, 2018. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Timothy Curtiss, Donovan Grubb, Tim Kipp and Erik Nelson. Also present were Utility Billing Clerk Cheri Bundy, City Attorney Robert Smith, and City Superintendent Jim Suta. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: City Clerk Treasurer Linda Burley

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling, Port Authority; Joel Pilcher, Great West Engineering; Lucas Gunderson, Williams Civil Construction; Vicki Schott, It Fits Clothing; Kari Lewis, CB Community Garden

CLAIMS: Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through May 3, 2018 for \$92,033.70. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the City Council Minutes from April 16, 2018 and the April 19, and May 3, 2018 payrolls in the amount of \$75,393.36 and \$72,844.73 and the March Financials in the amount of \$5,725,663.68. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta reported that MT Refining is no longer supplying MC800, the oil we use for chip sealing, and we will need to find another supplier. The closest place to get it is in Billings. Clean up week is scheduled for the week of May 21st. Superintendent Suta presented the council with statistics of other small towns that have water rates higher than ours will be with the passing of Resolution 18-01, Intent to raise water rates. **Councilperson Grubb moved to accept the City Superintendent's report. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion that passed 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Business owner Vicki Schott addressed the Council with her concerns about the lack of parking hurting the downtown businesses. She presented them with suggestions to help the problem: Bunkhouse tenants use their designated parking lot, business owners and employees could park in the back, Northern Ford stop parking new vehicles on Main Street, enforce the two-hour parking limit. Jim will get some parking limit signage put up on Main and Central.

Kari Lewis spoke about the community garden, its purpose and who can use it, and asked the Council for the City's continued support. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the City's continued support of the Community Garden. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve CoBank Draw #7 for \$1,060,782.30. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Kipp moved to approve Amendment to Task Order 8–Water System Improvements. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Task Order 9–Water System Improvements. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion, with the correction that it is Task Order 10. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Phase III Water System Improvements-Bids and Project Award to Williams Civil Construction of Bozeman. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Pilcher spoke to the Council about the 2018 Water PER Update and Grant Applications. He will put the notice in the paper for the Public Hearing to be held on June 4th at the Voting Center, regarding the water rate increase.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve resolution 18-01 Intent to raise water rates. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Port Authority approved a loan for Big Sky Spray Foam, Kyle and Dan Murphy's spray foam business.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2018.

Attest:

Approve:

Cheri Bundy, Utility Billing Clerk

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor