

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 16, 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, July 16, 2018. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, 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:**

**VISITORS:** James Everett, Britt Compton, and Fire Fighters Jerod Wahl and Paul Siliezar.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CLAIMS:** Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through June 14, 2018 for \$764,437.10. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Police Chief Schultz would like to see changes made to the intersection of Main Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. It is very difficult to see oncoming traffic when at the intersection and heading south. The yellow stripe was lengthened, but it is still impossible to see traffic to the right. Cut Bank Tire has very limited parking so customers frequently park in the yellow, making it even more dangerous. Police Chief Schultz suggested making the intersection RIGHT TURN ONLY when on the north side of the intersection.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the City Council Minutes from June 4, 2018 and payroll from June 14, 2018 in the amount of \$82,796.61. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police Chief's Report:** Police Chief Schultz reported on activities at the Police Department for the months of April and May. Crime activity is up currently. There has been a new car ordered. Officer James Everett is being promoted to Sergeant and will not be the school resource officer for the upcoming year. Officer Austin DeRoche will be going to school resource officer training and will be the new SRO. Weed letters are continuing to be sent out and after no action has been taken after 10 days, the City mows the property and we bill the property owners. This is an ongoing process throughout the summer. City Attorney Smith has been given a list of residences that have no water service. After verifying that they are being occupied, he will send out notices of eviction.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to allow fireworks in the City limits from 9:00 pm until 12:00 am on July 4, 2018. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion.** Britt Compton, owner of the Black Raptor Fireworks stand located just west of the City, requested that fireworks be allowed during this time to lessen the area that firefighters will be called to on the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Jerod Wahl told the Council that the department can be dispatched to one direction, then another, making it hard to serve their entire area. They feel that with fireworks being allowed in the City would cut down the area they would be called to. Tim Curtiss was concerned about our liability if we allow fireworks. It was brought up that Shelby allows fireworks in a set location only and the fire department is on hand at the location. **The vote was called, and the motion failed unanimously.**

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to adopt Resolution 18-08, the bond resolution for refinancing the USDA water loan. Councilperson Kip seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.**

Councilperson Nelson gave the Council information on increasing the interest rate on our CD investments. He had proposals from Edward Jones and LPL Financial. Ryan Eney is also working on a proposal. Rates will be going up in the future and Councilperson Nelson suggested we purchase some shorter length CDs to take advantage of the rate increases that are coming. Council is agreeable to making changes that will increase our interest income.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** none

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We received a thank you note from the Drug Treatment Court.

**WORK SESSION:** Mayor Raemaeker brought to the Council's attention a complaint he had heard from a property owner about the rumor that neighboring property was going to be sold and 2 rail containers would be

placed there. Discussion was held on whether these containers should be allowed in City Limits. The new zoning ordinance prohibits them within city limits. Greg Gerstenberger has a container and asked the Council on July 10, 2018, if he could paint or side it and be allowed to keep it. He was told the procedure he would need to follow to proceed. Mr. Gerstenberger has not followed up with zoning permit or the request for a variance. Council directed City Superintendent and City Attorney Smith to request that Mr. Gerstenberger remove the container.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2018.

**Attest:**

**Approve:**

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Dan Raemaeker, Mayor