

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
October 1, 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 6:35 PM, Monday, October 1, 2018. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Timothy Curtiss, Donovan Grubb and Erik Nelson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Superintendent Jim Suta, and City Attorney Robert Smith. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Greg and Peggy Taylor and Don Koon of Ben Taylor, Inc., Jackie Frazier, Brenda Schilling of Glacier County Regional Port Authority and Lyle Coney with USDA Rural Development.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through September 27, 2018 for \$92,912.98. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

At this point Councilperson Kipp arrived.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the City Council Minutes from September 17, 2018 and September 20, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$83,534.93. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent Suta presented the Council with a City Superintendent's report. It appears that Williams Construction will not be completing all the street repairs until next spring. Council wants to see holes filled for the winter if the final street repairs cannot be completed now. **Councilperson Grubb moved to accept the City Superintendent's Report. Councilperson Curtiss made the second motion. The motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Taylor and Don Koon, both with Ben Taylor, Inc. addressed the council about Ordinance 246. It makes it illegal to fill propane tanks within City Limits from tankers larger than 1,500 gallons. The smallest tanker BTI has is 3,499. The way the ordinance is worded, it is also illegal to fill the large underground tanks at Filling Stations like Town Pump. Council will allow the filling of propane tanks in city limits while they revise the Ordinance. City Attorney Smith is not comfortable allowing propane into the City without first checking with the Fire Marshall. Fire Marshall Swingley told Mr. Smith that before anyone could install a propane tank of 500 gallons he would want to inspect it personally. Amending the ordinance will be on the agenda and the State Fire Marshall, as well as our local Fire Chief will be asked to attend the meeting.

Lyle Coney, of USDA Rural Development spoke to the Council about the completion of the wastewater treatment plant, including the grant agreement. We will be drawing from the USDA grant soon and we will only have 90 days in which to spend the grant funds. Included in the possible charges for the grant are legal costs, training and travel. **Councilperson Curtiss moved approve the Grant Agreement. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Councilperson Kipp made the motion to approve CoBank Draw #12 in the amount of \$591,330.95. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Curtiss made the motion to approve Water Project Draw SRF A and SRF B in the amount of \$250,786.00. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the pay request from Williams Construction for \$231,990.72. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION:

Discussion was held on funding our school resource officer with a special mill levy. The annual cost will be \$85,000 so with the school only paying \$20,000 for it, the City would need to fund \$65,000. This benefits every student in school, whether they live within City Limits or not. Mayor Raemaeker and Councilpersons Kipp

and Nelson, and Police Chief Schultz will go to the next school board meeting to ask for more funds for the position.

The next discussion involved Franchise Agreements. Cut Bank Gas has in the past had a franchise agreement with the City and it was at no cost to Cut Bank Gas. We have other franchise agreements that do have fees attached. Linda will look into what other cities charge for franchise agreements and it will be discussed again after we have those figures. This will have to be put on the ballot for voters to decide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: City Attorney reported that he attended the North Central Regional Water Authority meeting. The Authority will be purchasing lines from Shelby.

Police Chief Schultz reported that he had attended the Glacier County Port Authority and they are involved in a Mini Shark Tank Program. They are looking for volunteers to help the kids make a business plan.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2018.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor