

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL**  
**September 17, 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, September 17, 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 Superintendent Jim Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, and Police Chief Mike Schultz. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ABSENT:**

**VISITORS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CLAIMS:**

**Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the claims through September 13, 2018 for \$1,240,148.86, noting that the biggest portion being Swank Enterprises and Williams Construction payments. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Littering Ordinance

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the City Council Minutes from September 4 and September 7, 2018 and payroll from September 6, 2018 in the amount of \$77,648.98. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

Police Chief Schultz presented the Council with a report. He stated that the officers are doing a great job clearing up their cases in a timely manner. He is still waiting to hear back on some grants. He would like some discussion on the mill levy as we need to get started on it if we plan to pursue it. City Attorney Smith said that he would not be able to get it on the ballot for the upcoming election, but it could be done in the Primary or the 2019 General Election. Mayor Raemaeker likes the idea. Councilperson Curtiss said that he would like it to specify that the levy is for the School Resource Officer. It was decided that the Council will discuss it further in the work session at the next meeting. Should any organizations want to donate to the police department, specific needs were listed: two bullet proof vests (\$1200.00 each), two new radios (\$800.00 each), upgrade the tazers with new batteries (\$500.00), SRO fund. All donations are tax deductible because it's for a government agency. Chief Shultz ended his report by stating that he has one officer at the academy and one will be going. **Councilperson Grub moved to accept the Police Chief's Report. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

Superintendent Suta presented the Council with a Building Inspector's report showing all the building projects as of July 1, 2018. Councilperson Curtiss asked if the City is going to renew the contract with Jim Yeagley. Superintendent Suta said that Mr. Yeagley is still helping Kevin Quinlan until her gets his license and that a contract is not necessary. Mr. Yeagley issues the permits, and Kevin is doing the inspections. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Building Inspector's Report. Councilperson Nelson made the second motion. The motion carried 4-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilperson Grubb moved to accept Final Resolution 18-14 for Levying Mills for Street Lighting Districts. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilperson Curtiss made the motion to accept Final Resolution 18-15 for Levying Mills for Street Maintenance Districts 1-4. Councilperson Kipp Seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

City Attorney Smith discussed the first reading of the updates in the zoning ordinance to finalize the change so block 4, lots 11-19 will be listed as residential zone 4 and allow trailer houses to be on the property. He also presented the Council with an updated City Attorney Contract. It's basically the same with three changes: a 2% pay raise; \$100 per hour for attorney services; and the need for a Deputy City Attorney with the monetary limitation language removed. He would consult with the Mayor and Council over the Deputy City Attorney's salary. **Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the City Attorney's Contract. Councilperson Curtiss made the second motion and the motion carried 4-0.**

**WORK SESSION:**

Jason Keene was not present, so there was nothing to discuss regarding the land dispute.

Councilperson Curtiss wanted to discuss the littering ordinance to see what could be done about all the trash around the schools, in the alleys, and around the fast food restaurants in town. The City could send out an informative mailing, letting everyone know the fine for littering. Police Chief Shultz said that he will write a letter for the "Livewire" and check with the high school and middle school about putting the information in the morning announcements. Councilperson Curtiss suggested having more littering signage put up around the school areas.

Mayor Raemaeker updated the Council on the City investments.

The Council presented their lists of concerns from their ride around. Cheri will type it up and give it to the Ordinance Officer, so he can issue a notice. That way, the City can bill the property owner if they don't take care of the issue. There are several alleys that should be made one way for safety reasons.

Mayor Raemaeker is still getting complaints about trucks running through the four way stop on Railway Street. The City needs to install flashing lights on the stop sign, maybe with solar power lighting. The cost would come out of Street Maintenance fund or the general fund. At one time, Glacier Electric said that they would get power where needed to get flashing lights going.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2018.

**Attest:**

**Approve:**

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Cheri Bundy, Utility Billing Clerk

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Dan Raemaeker, Mayor