

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
April 1, 2019
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, April 1, 2019. 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 Superintendent Jim Suta, City Judge Carolyn Berkram and City Attorney Robert Smith. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT:

VISITORS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through March 29, 2019 for \$206,304.34, paid with warrants 57224-57294. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Sign Ordinance

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the City Council Minutes from March 4, 2019 and Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with Councilperson Curtiss abstaining from voting.

Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the March 7, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$77,955.05, February Financials for \$6,721,009.22, Payroll for March 21, 2019 for \$81,012.04. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Police Chief Schultz entered the meeting at this time.

Chief of Police Schultz presented his February and March reports. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the report. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelson. Action passed with a 4-0 vote.**

The written Building Inspector's report was reviewed by Council. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the report. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Nelson and carried unanimously.**

Superintendent Suta presented the Council with the City Superintendent's report. Residential water service lines are continuing to freeze now that the frost line is going deeper. American Leak Detection located a water leak which was promptly repaired. Superintendent Suta updated the Council on Streets and the wastewater treatment plant. **Councilperson Grubb moved to accept the City Superintendent's Report. Councilperson Curtiss made the second. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to allow Cut Bank Creek Brewery to close Railway for the duration of their goat races on June 22, 2019. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION:

City Judge Berkram updated the Council on the City Court. Autumn Combs, Toole County Court Clerk, has been working part time while Teri Gottlob is out on sick leave. Judge Berkram has logged in many hours doing clerk responsibilities, including much needed organization of the filing system. She would like to become a member of the State Network. This would enable her to see pending charges from all over the state in real time. Council granted Mayor Raemaeker to meet with Judge Berkram and see that she receives compensation for the over 122 hours she has worked in the Clerk position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Superintendent Suta reported that the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority met, and the Shelby water wells will be renovated this summer. They cannot deliver the promised water so will be replacing the 16" line with 24" line. We used approximately 250,000 cubic feet of water

recently due to problems at the water treatment plant. They will also be resuming the installation of the line going north this summer. It currently reaches close to Oilmont.

Police Chief Schultz reported that he attended the Glacier County Port Authority meeting. They received only 2 applications to their scholarship. They will be teaming with the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce to install a billboard at the Junction at Highway 89. It will say "Discover Cut Bank" and will target drivers who would normally turn at the Junction, bypassing Cut Bank.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Councilperson Curtiss brought up the condition of billboards coming into Cut Bank and the fact that they are in a state of disrepair or advertise businesses that are no longer here. He would like to see us request that the billboards be updated. Our current sign ordinance does not regulate signs that are outside of city limits.

Councilperson Curtiss would also like to see us advertise the changes recently made to our zoning permit. He suggested running an article in the Pioneer Press educating residents of the changes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2019.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor