

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 17, 2018
6:30 PM – 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, December 17, 2018. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Donovan Grubb, Tim Kipp, Timothy Curtiss, and Erik Nelson. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, and Utility Billing Clerk Cheri Bundy. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS:

City Judge Robert Yunck, City Judge Elect Carolyn Berkram, Darrel Berkram, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the payment of claims through December 14, 2018 for \$71,734.35. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve payroll for December 13, 2018 for \$86,081.87. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta presented a schedule of building permits that have been accomplished or are in progress since July 2018.

Police Chief Schultz presented the Council with his report. The Shop with a Cop program went well with the help of donations from Stockman Bank, First Interstate Bank and Edward Jones. Sixteen local youths from Head Start to Middle School age were helped this year. Ideal Option is looking into giving a grant to help support the SRO for this school year. The amount is yet to be determined. Rides will be offered again this year on New Year's Eve. A reserve officer spot is open. **Councilperson Grubb made the motion to accept the Department head reports. Councilperson Curtiss made the second. The motion carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Discussion was held regarding the advantages and disadvantages of making Cut Bank's City Court a court of record. Police Chief Schultz spoke in favor of it. They have recently found some evidence at the scene of an investigation that was not on the search warrant. They couldn't prosecute for these unwarranted items because Cut Bank is not a court of record. Councilperson Curtiss stated that he spoke with the District Court Judge for his input. He said it would be helpful in reviewing testimony for appeals.

Filing systems, how many years on back up, making sure all microphones were recording people equally, the type and cost of the software and program maintenance were also discussed.

City Court Judge Yunck doesn't see a problem with the way things are now. Being a court of record would require recording whenever court is in session. Time would have to be taken to bring people from jail to the courtroom for arraignment. There is not a significant amount of appeals to need this program for reviewing testimony, only 6 in the 19 years that Judge Yunck has held the position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta has an upcoming water meeting and Police Chief Schultz has an upcoming Port Authority meeting with reports to follow. The Airport Authority will be having a meeting in January to discuss what engineer they will be hiring to resurface everything.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2019.

Attest:

Approve:

Cheri Bundy, Utility Billing Clerk

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor