

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
February 4, 2019
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council President Timothy Curtiss called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, February 4, 2019. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Timothy Curtiss, Donovan Grubb, Tim Kipp and Erik Nelson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, City Superintendent Jim Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith and Police Chief Schultz. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: Mayor Dan Raemaeker,

VISITORS: City Judge Carolyn Berkram, Teri & N Jeff Gottlob, Jim Yeagley and Garth Stewart

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through January 31, 2019 for \$58,426.03, paid with warrants 57127-57147. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the City Council Minutes from January 22, 2019 and the January 24, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$78,362.27. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent Suta presented the Council with a City Superintendent's report. The crew has been busy with winter maintenance, as well as plowing and removing snow. The e-coli at the wastewater treatment plant is still high. I was high before the plant was built and it was expected that it would lower once treated. UV light is the only solution to this. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's Report. Councilperson Grubb made the second motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Quinlan resigned from his position of Building Inspector. Jim Yeagley has agreed to become the building inspector again and the Council reviewed his proposed contract. City Attorney stated he saw no problems with signing the contract as it is very similar to the previous contract with Mr. Yeagley. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the contract with Mr. Yeagley, contingent on approval from Mayor Raemaeker. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.**

City Superintendent Suta addressed the Council about changing the wording in the Zoning Permit. He recommends that the wording "all phases of construction" be deleted from those instances needing a zoning permit. This would make the zoning permit deal with only zoning issues, as it should be. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to delete the language "all phases of construction" from the zoning permit. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve USDA Rural Development Draw #3 in the amount of \$34,892.02. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION: Police Chief Schultz reviewed the procedures to follow if a councilperson receives a complaint about a City Employee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Curtiss brought City Superintendent up to speed on the changes made during the Tri-City Interlocal Annual Meeting. Superintendent Suta was named Chief Superintendent and will be responsible for making a written quarterly report to the board including hours and rentals on the machinery.

Police Chief Schultz announced that the Port Authority will be giving out 2 \$500 scholarships. One will go to a student in Browning and the second to a student in Cut Bank. Students need to write an essay on *If I were given \$100,000, how would I use it to benefit my community?*

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

City Judge Berkram told the Council that her Clerk, Teri Gottlob, will be out on leave from February 26, 2019, for up to 9 weeks. She will be drawing wages during this time either from sick leave or vacation. This will leave the court without a trained clerk unless a temporary replacement is hired. It will also cause the department to be over budget on labor since they will essentially be paying 2 employees during that time. Judge Berkram has some people in mind and was given the authority to go ahead and hire a temporary clerk to work up to 90 days. Council will approve a budget amendment at a later date if it becomes necessary.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Council President Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2019.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Timothy Curtiss, Council President