

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
March 4, 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, March 4, 2019. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons 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: Councilperson Timothy Curtiss

VISITORS: Tim Freed

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Freed addressed the Council about his concerns regarding the many frozen water service lines in Cut Bank. He fears that we are getting close to a catastrophic event. With so many residential and business lines being frozen, there is a threat of water mains freezing as well. He would like to see the City offer some incentive to customers so they will run their water in order to keep the lines from freezing. So far, 25 people have reported having frozen lines. Since this is an emergency, Council decided to take action to encourage customers to run a trickle of water in their homes. **Councilperson Grubb moved to give a \$10 credit on all water bills for the period of February 15, 2019 through March 15, 2019 and a \$20 credit on the water bills for the period of March 15, 2019 through April 15, 2019. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through February 28, 2019 for \$173,730.76, paid with warrants 57148-57223. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the City Council Minutes from February 4, 2019 and the February 7, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$78,906.39, January Financials for \$6,733,314.20, Payroll for February 21, 2019 for \$80,876.66. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Suta presented the Council with a City Superintendent's report. He reviewed the topic of frozen water service lines and reported that he would be ordering a new thaw machine as the current one is quite old and in need of repairs. The street crew has been busy plowing and removing snow. **Councilperson Kipp moved to accept the City Superintendent's Report. Councilperson Nelson made the second motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve USDA Rural Development Draw #4 in the amount of \$463,822.07 and Swank pay application #21 and #22 for \$428,582.09. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Kipp reported that the safety committee met last week and is implementing a new safety program. Whenever an employee reports a safety problem, his name will be in a drawing at the end of the month for a \$50 gift card.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2019.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor