

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
MAY 20, 2019
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 6:31 PM, Monday, May 20, 2019. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Timothy Curtiss, Donovan Grubb, and Erik Nelson. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, Police Chief Michael Schultz, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley, City Attorney Robert Smith and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: Councilperson Tim Kipp

VISITORS: Rod and Lisa Cline, Mona White

PUBLIC HEARING: City Attorney Smith opened the public hearing and asked for comments on the proposed conditional use permit application of Mona Lisa Doggy Day Spa. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the payment of claims through May 17, 2019 for \$61,550.02; Warrants 59397-57441. Councilperson Curtiss seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: City Superintendent asked to discuss the street sweeper.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss made the motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2019 meeting and payroll for May 16, 2019 for \$85,525.64. Councilperson Nelson seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz reported that arrests were up for the month April. Warmer weather brings out criminals who were less active during the colder months. The department is closing many cases that have remained open in the past. There is currently an officer position open as Officer James Everett resigned. A new administrative assistant was recently hired to replace Toni Altenburg who also resigned. One of the police cars needed a new engine and it cost \$7,000. Chief Schultz is considering turning on the newer police cars into an unmarked vehicle. It would need to be de-striped and have the lights removed and windows tinted. These modifications would cost around \$750 to complete. **Council person Grubb moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Building Inspector's Report: Building Inspector Yeagley reported that the Garden of Eat-In and Pioneer Bar have completed their work. Work is progressing on the West End Town Pump project. He has been working with several others with building permits. Building Inspector Yeagley also reported that he attended the Building Education Conference in Bozeman last month. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the Building Inspector's report and motion was seconded by Councilperson Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss made the motion to approve the conditional use permit for Mona Lisa Doggy Day Spa. Councilperson Grubb made the second. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve raising the per diem rates to \$15 for breakfast, \$16 for lunch and \$28 for dinner. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The one bid received on a new garbage truck was opened. The bid was placed by Montana Peterbilt out of Missoula. The bid was in the amount of \$251,355.00. Pending examination for all criteria, **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the bid. Councilperson Grub seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Draw #23 from the USDA Grant in the amount of \$106,860.26. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you note from the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce was read. They appreciated the City's donation of a gardening basket to the silent auction at the Chamber's Banquet held in April.

Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley addressed the council regarding the recording of regular meetings. Council directed her to record meetings and keep the digital copies for future reference.

WORK SESSION:

City Superintendent informed the Council that the street sweeper needs repairs and the cost will not be known until we can get the sweeper to Great Falls to be inspected. The repairs could be quite costly. The machine is 12 years old and only has an expected life of 10 years. Discussion was held on the possibility of borrowing a sweeper from a neighboring city, replacement of the sweeper and getting current on chip sealing after delays over the past years. Superintendent Suta expects to request an increase in street maintenance district assessments for the upcoming budget cycle.

Discussion was also held on the need for a mail ballot election to decide on whether or not to grant Cut Bank Gas Company an exclusive franchise, as well as to vote on the proposed School Resource Officer mill levy of \$65,000. Linda will submit the documents to the state so an election can be held this summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Curtiss reported the he had welcomed the community to the Passenger Rail Association Meeting held last week.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor