

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
November 26, 2018
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 6:30 PM, Monday, November 26, 2018. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Timothy Curtiss, Donovan Grubb, Tim Kipp and Erik Nelson. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, and City Attorney Robert Smith. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Carolyn Berkram, Darrol Berkram, LeAnne Kavanagh, City Judge Yunck

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the appointment of a City Judge began with the current City Judge Yunck explaining that he was not in attendance to promote any one of the candidates, but to answer questions that may come up. He stated that his resignation was not recent; that he had discussed it with Mayor Raemaeker last summer on two occasions. He feels that both candidates would do a good job in the position.

Justice of the Peace Elect Berkram met with Mayor Raemaeker and indicated she would do the job for \$2,500 per month. She is not interested in making the court a Court of Record.

City Attorney Smith has found an attorney who is interested in becoming our City Attorney. He was hoping to introduce him at tonight’s meeting, but the attorney did not attend. This attorney would like to become a City Employee, with full benefits. No salary was discussed as City Attorney Smith is not in a position to negotiate wages or hire employees.

City Judge Yunck explained that he felt the expense of the transition would be less if Justice of the Peace Elect Berkram was appointed.

When asked how the appointment would affect his department, Police Chief Schultz stated that he has worked with both candidates but would like it to be a Court of Record.

Some of the Council felt that they needed more information and more time to make a decision.

City Attorney Smith withdrew from the candidacy and stated he would not accept it if appointed.

Mayor Raemaeker appointed Justice of the Peace Elect Berkram.

Councilperson Kipp moved to confirm the appointment. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilpersons Kipp, Nelson and Grubb voting for and Councilperson Curtiss voting against.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2018.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor

