

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JULY 22, 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 6:30 PM, Monday, July 22, 2019. The following Council members answered roll call: Councilpersons Timothy Curtiss, Donovan Grubb, Erik Nelson and Tim Kipp. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Linda Burley, Building Inspector Yeagley and City Attorney Smith. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: City Superintendent Suta and Police Chief Schultz

VISITORS: Betsy Seglem, Dennis Seglem (Glacier County Historical Museum) and City Judge Carolyn Berkram.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the payment of claims through July 18, 2019 for \$91,950.90; Warrants 57591-57627, with the check for Glacier Monuments and Signs being voided and a new check written to Glacier Motors. Councilperson Nelson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Councilperson Curtiss would like to discuss a concern over a street and Councilperson would like to discuss an animal control issue, but since Police Chief Schultz is absent, it will wait until the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Grubb made the motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2019 meeting and payroll for July 11, 2019 for \$90,455.98, and the June financials for \$6,773,198.63. Councilperson Nelson seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief of Police Report: None

Building Inspector Yeagley reported that he has six open inspections at this time. Councilperson Grubb moved to accept the Building Inspector's report. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion that passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the Airport Joint Resolutions 19-04 and 19-05. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. City Attorney Smith explained that he now recommends approval since the joint authorities must give approval before the Airport Authority can incur debt. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 19-06, a budget amendment resolution. Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION:

Dennis Seglem, Director of the Glacier County Historical Museum, addressed the Council. The Historical Museum is a local treasure and Glacier County has cut their annual budget drastically. They are concerned that with the new budget they will not be able to pay the utilities and wages. Many of the Historical Museum's programs are in danger of being lost. Mr. Seglem has noticed a trend of people getting off Amtrak and staying in Cut Bank for a few days before heading back home. The Historical Museum has been diligent about applying for grants for several of their programs but they are requesting financial assistance in any form they can get. They specifically requested help with their garbage collection bill, lawn equipment or excavation services. They will soon have an actual caboose available for lodging for a night. Some services will be sacrificed due to this budget cut. The Museum has been open for 39 years.

Discussion was held on the condition of 6th Avenue NE, between Tony Baughman's property and Dean Berkrams's property. There is a drainage problem there and the street is in bad shape. There is a steep ledge where the pavement ends and where it begins again. Since City Superintendent Suta is absent, it will be discussed again when he is present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Grubb reported that the Chamber Up this month will be held at the Glacier Community Health Center. They will be showing their new dental offices.

Councilperson Curtiss reported that the Tri-City Interlocal had their quarterly meeting. They will be getting an estimate together to present to the Town of Valier. The Town would like to mill and pave a section of road by the entrance to Lake Frances.

The preliminary budget was reviewed. There is still a need to either cut expenditures or increase revenue in the general fund in order to balance the budget. Council will be reviewing the budget more before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor