

**CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 21, 2019
6:00 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, October 21, 2019. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Donovan Grubb and Tim Kipp. Answering roll call on the telephone was Erik Nelson. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Police Chief Michael Schultz, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: Tim Curtiss**VISITORS:** None**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the claims through October 17, 2019 for \$86,658.44, which includes warrants 57829-57887. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes, payroll from October 3, 2019 for \$77,037.34 and payroll from October 17, 2019 for \$81,657.04. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz reported on activity in his dept. They have been very busy and are closing more cases than ever. **Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the Chief of Police report and Councilperson Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Building Inspector Yeagley reported on two big jobs that are underway in Cut Bank. One is 314 W Main and the other is West End Town Pump. Both appear to be going well. **Councilperson Grubb moved to approve the Building Inspector's report. Councilperson Kipp seconded motion and motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilperson Grubb moved to approve Resolution 19-15, approving the request to receive the City's distribution of BaRSAA program funds. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Discussion was held concerning property that has not been taken care of and poses a hazard to the community. Police can prepare a notice objecting to maintaining a hazardous property, and a fine can be imposed. The City can mediate a hazardous property if it is not done by the owner. This is possible if the property poses an immediate danger to the public. In this instance, the property owner would be billed for the work and time and if the bill is not paid, the City can then attach the bill to the property taxes. The first step should be writing a letter to the owner requesting he secure the property and mediate the problem.

The overdue utility bill of Hot Rod Coffee was discussed. The accountant for the Northern Village Shopping Center wrote a letter requesting that the Council settle for one half of the amount owed since they were not aware that the business was going out of business. Council did not feel the bill should be reduced as services were provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Grubb reported that the Chamber of Commerce has a busy time coming soon. They will be holding the Holiday Bazaar on November 2. The Festival of Lights will be held on November 15 and the Beef and Bid will be at the Pioneer Bar in December. The next Chamber Up will be at the Rose Petal in December.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:**Approve:**

 Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

 Dan Raemaeker, Mayor

