

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 21, 2020  
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, January 21, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, and Erik Nelson. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley, Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT: Councilperson Tim Kipp

VISITORS: Joel Pilcher (Great West Engineering), Matt Wolfe and Mike Kintzler

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matt Wolfe addressed the Council. He purchased the property at 912 E Main Street. He asked if the price of water and service was contractually signed to with the new owners. He also asked how long it is between evaluations of the form of government we have. He was told that the local government study commission is voted on every 10 years and we are midway through that cycle. The voters are asked every 10 years whether they want a study commission formed. Mr. Wolfe was also told that no contract was signed with property owners that stated the charges for services. Mr. Wolfe also pointed out a misprint in the water ordinance and asked that it be corrected to be understood easily.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through January 17, 2020 for \$42,084.78, which includes warrants 58113-58145. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Councilperson Nelson moved to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes and the payroll from January 9, 2020 for \$81,351.92. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Schultz presented his report. The number of cases investigated is down significantly from last year, but the number of felonies is up. All vehicles are in good working order. A car was seized and will be used for unconventional police work. New Officer Harrell is scheduled to attend academy in April. A huge concern in the community right now is theft. Stores are reporting cases on a daily basis. **Councilperson Nelson moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Building Inspector Yeagley reported on two open permits. They appear to be going well. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the Building Inspector's report. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joel Pilcher of Great West Engineering spoke to the Council about the possible repair or replacement of the water tank in Phase 4 Water Improvements. The 3 options include 1) recoating the existing steel tank, 2) replacing the tank with a new glass-infused-to-steel tank and 3) replacing the tank with a new pre-stressed concrete tank. The new tanks have a longer life expectancy and can be financed up to 30 years. Figures were not available for what the needed rate increase would be if we financed for 30 years. Joel will be sending those numbers up and the Council will decide on the course of action at the next meeting. Council directed Joel to go ahead and prepare the engineering contract so work can begin. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to table the decision until the next meeting. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 20-02, the corporate resolution for Edward Jones. Councilperson Nelson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Mayor Raemaeker reported that he had signed the adoption of the new state building codes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Tri-City Interlocal will hold its annual meeting on January 16, 2020 at the Elk’s Club in Cut Bank. At that time, the bookkeeping will be turned over to Conrad who will be responsible for it for the next 4 years.

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 February 3, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

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Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

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Dan Raemaeker, Mayor