

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2021
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL & ZOOM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM & AT CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, June 21, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Mike Wineman, Kim Winchell and Doug Vermulm. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Robert Smith, Building Inspector Yeagley, City Judge Berkram, Police Chief Schultz and Clerk-Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Brenda Schilling, Sarah Converse, LeAnne Kavanagh

ABSENT: Tim Curtiss

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: City Judge Berkram told the Council that the State will be installing her internet line that will connect her office with the State. It was previously thought that it would be an expense that the City would to pay but since it's a very easy hookup, it won't be costing the City anything.

PUBLIC COMMENT: LeAnne Kavanagh asked Clerk-Treasurer Burley if there had been any filings for the open seats at the last minute. Clerk-Treasurer Burley stated that she had not heard anything from the Election Officials.

CLAIMS: **Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the claims through June 17, 2021 for \$47,367.01, including warrants 59.86-59420. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion.** Councilperson Winchell asked what the policy is for purchasing supplies for swimming pool concessions. She noticed that we paid \$7.00 for a case of water and feels that we could possibly purchase that for a lot less through another vendor. **A vote was called, and motion carried 3-0.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Winchell moved to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting, payroll from June 10, 2021 for \$80,157.95, and May financials for \$7,517,635.56. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief reported that there are fewer small crimes this month, but more large crimes. With his current staff, more crimes are being resolved. The new patrolmen is doing very well. We are not going to be providing an SRO this year. The school and City reached the decision mutually. **Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the Police Chief's report and Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

Building Inspector Yeagley presented his report. **Councilperson Wineman moved to accept the report. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Clerk-Treasurer Burley reported to the Council. She reported that we have received our first payment of our ARPA funds. We will be working on the budget shortly. Year end work is now in full swing. **Councilperson Wineman moved to**

accept the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilperson Wineman moved to approve Resolution 21-03, the resolution to increase water rates. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Winchell moved to allow Cut Bank Creek Brewery to sell beer at the City Park during Farmer's Markets. The stipulation was made that it would be between the hours of 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM, and that no glass bottles or glasses be allowed. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sarah Converse spoke to the Council about the many ways Sweetgrass Development can help the community. She has new staff now so they will be able to keep up with the demands of the area. Some of the areas they will be able to help are in updating capital improvement plans, rehabilitating buildings, and the clean up of hazardous materials. They are currently helping some people with rehab projects, possibly including the old Glacier Motel.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk-Treasurer Burley read a thank you letter from Parthiban Krishnaswamy of Minnesota. He thanked the City for establishing and caring for the rest area.

WORK SESSION: It was reported by Clerk-Treasurer Burley that no mills are levied by the County for the fire department. Superintendent Suta asked how much the County gets from the State for the fire department. Clerk-Treasurer Burley will get an answer for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Wineman attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. They are concerned about the graffiti that has been seen around the City. They would like to encourage prevention rather than remediation. Police Chief Schultz said that in order to make good cases people must be good witnesses. The Police Department is planning on holding classes to teach people to be good witnesses. He also encourages everyone to report crimes or suspicious behavior whenever they see it.

Superintendent Suta reported that the Airport Authority meeting had been cancelled.

He attended the Refuse District meeting and it was uneventful.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for **June 7, 2021** at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor