

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 5, 2020
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

The public hearing for the 2020-2021 street lighting and street maintenance districts #1-4 budget was opened at 6:30 PM by City Attorney Smith.

City Attorney Smith swore in Utility Billing Clerk Cheri Bundy. City Attorney Smith asked Utility Billing Clerk Bundy if the notice of public hearing had been published in the local newspaper. Clerk Bundy replied that it had been published. City Attorney Smith then asked Clerk Bundy if she had received the affidavit of publication for this notice. Clerk-Bundy responded yes. City Attorney Smith then asked her if she had received any public comment concerning the proposed budget and she responded no comments had been received.

City Attorney Smith asked for public comments and hearing no comments, City Attorney Smith closed the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:36 PM, Monday, October 5, 2020. The following persons answered roll call: Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Tim Kipp. Also present were City Attorney Robert Smith, City Superintendent Jim Suta, City Judge Berkram, Police Chief Schultz, Building Inspector Jim Yeagley and Utility Billing Clerk Cheri Bundy. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held via Zoom with several in attendance at the City Hall to accommodate anyone who wished to be present.

ABSENT:

VISITORS: Natasha Siliezar

PUBLIC COMMENT: Natasha Siliezar addressed the Council with her request to be appointed to the Council to fill the vacancy of Erik Nelson.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the claims through September 30, 2020 for \$92,010.91. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the September 21, 2020 minutes and the payroll from October 1, 2020 for \$87,625.10. Councilperson Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Superintendent Suta presented his monthly report. Irrigation rates will be extended due to the dry condition of the City. Pool deck is being completed and we have 4 surplus vehicles going out to bid. **Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

City Attorney Smith gave his report to the Council. Councilperson Kipp moved to approve the City Attorney’s report and Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 20-09 to levy funds for the street lighting district. Both City Attorney Smith and City Superintendent Suta voiced their concerns over not raising the mills this year. A vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 20-10 to levy funds for the street maintenance districts #1-4. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. A vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Erik Nelson resigned from the Council because he is no longer a Cut Bank resident. The appointment to serve out his term, until the next municipal election, will be made at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tri-City Interlocal will meet in October.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor