

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL & ZOOM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM & AT CITY HALL

The public hearing for the 2020-2021 budget, including the permissive health levy and park maintenance levy, was opened at 6:20 PM by City Attorney Smith.

City Attorney Smith swore in Clerk-Treasurer Burley. City Attorney Smith asked Clerk-Treasurer Burley if she had published the notice of public hearing and if she had the affidavit of publication for this notice. Clerk-Burley 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 Dan Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, September 7, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Mike Wineman, and Kim Winchell. Also present were City Superintendent James Suta, City Attorney Smith, City Judge Berkram and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: LeAnne Kavanagh, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Thomas

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vernon Thomas told that Council that he will be applying for a variance for a shed that is on his property. It is a railcar that he has painted to match his home and garage. His request will be on the next agenda.

CLAIMS: Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the claims through September 2, 2021, for \$175,285.68, warrants 59612-59653. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. A vote was called, and motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve the August 16, 2021, minutes, the payroll from August 19, 2021, for \$86,735.55 and the September 2, 2021, payroll for \$76,855.59. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta

Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Superintendent's report and Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Smith

Councilperson Curtiss moved to accept the City Attorney's report and Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Troy addressed the Council with a request to rezone property on the north side of town to allow mobile and manufactured homes. She stated that currently this area only allows for stick-built homes, and she believes that we need to change that to allow more people to purchase homes in Cut Bank. She sold a property to an individual with plans to put a manufactured home on the property and then later found out that it was zoned for stick-built homes only. Some of that property was annexed into the City with the stipulation that the City only allow stick-built homes on the property. The Council will discuss the topic at the next meeting during the work session. Clerk-Treasurer Burley will email all the Council the zoning map so they can see the current status of properties in the area.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to adopt Resolution 21-12, the resolution to amend the 2020-2021 budget. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 21-15, resolution to levy mills for street lighting. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wineman moved to approve Resolution 21-16 to levy mills for street maintenance districts. Councilperson Vermulm seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to adopt Resolution 21-17 to levy mills for park maintenance district. Councilperson Wineman seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Councilperson Wineman moved to approve Resolution 21-18 to levy mills for permissive health levy. Councilperson Curtiss seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Resolution 21-19, the final budget resolution. Councilperson Winchell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Councilperson Winchell moved to approve Resolution 21-20, the resolution to cancel the general election. Councilperson Wineman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WORK SESSION: Discussion was held on possible solutions to the clean-up of the Glacier Motel property. Speculation around town is that Mr. Burlingame will be leaving for California as soon as he receives his insurance settlement and the property clean up will be left to the City. If the City condemns the property, they would take it over and then the clean would be the City's responsibility. Other solutions would include a possible Brownfield grant or filing a complaint and fining the owner daily for violation of an ordinance. Sarah Converse was asked to call City Attorney Smith to talk about a possible Brownfield. Brenda Schilling reported that Sarah said nothing could be done until the investigation was complete. Mr. Smith stated that the investigation is complete. The person to talk to at the Montana DEQ is Jason Saylor. Discussion will continue next month.

The water project is scheduled to start soon. The pipe has arrived, and the Contractor was here last Friday. There will be a meeting with the Contractor on September 16, 2021, at 1:00 PM. They will attempt to finish up one block this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilperson Winchell reported that the Farmer's Market was ending at the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor