

CUT BANK CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 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 Dan Raemaeker called the meeting of the Cut Bank City Council to order at 6:30 PM, Monday, November 1, 2021. The following persons answered roll call: Mayor Raemaeker, Councilpersons Tim Curtiss, Doug Vermulm, Mike Wineman, and Kim Winchell. Also present were City Superintendent Suta, City Attorney Smith, Police Chief Schultz and Clerk Treasurer Burley. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: None

ABSENT: None

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS: Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the claims through October 28, 2021, for \$255,637.78, warrants 59770-59793. Councilperson Vermulm 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 October 18, 2021, minutes, the payroll from October 28, 2021, for \$86,460.28. Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Suta

Superintendent Suta reported that the water project is coming along. The contractor will be finishing the 100 block of 1st Ave SW and then depending on weather, may be done for the winter. Russell Industries will be doing some pump maintenance for us, but their technician quit

so, we are waiting for them to train a new technician. The lift station project is also underway.

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

City Attorney Smith

City Attorney Smith reported that he is still working to clear up problems with the Family Dollar Store ag exemption. He is also monitoring the City's water rights with the Montana Water Court as it is nearing completion. The Tribe has some water rights that are previous to our rights, so in years where the Creek is low, we may not be able to get water from the Creek. If this happens, then Seville will be without water from the city, as the Tribe stipulated that Seville cannot be furnished with water coming from Shelby. City Attorney Smith is no longer working on the Glacier Motel as was requested by its owner.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

City Attorney Smith reviewed the contract with Mobile Testing with Integrity and sees no changes and recommends the Council proceed to approve the contract renewal. **Councilperson Wineman moved to approve the renewal of the drug testing contract with Mobile Testing with Integrity and Councilperson Winchell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Curtiss moved to approve Draw #2 on the TSEP funding for the water project in the amount of \$211,742.62. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Wineman and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

WORK SESSION:

Police Chief Schultz reported that he spoke with Don Burlingame, and he has started the process of getting the former Glacier Motel property cleaned up. His son has removed the hanging aluminum that posed a danger to residents. Council requested that Chief Schultz ask Mr. Burlingame to update him on the time frame of the clean-up once he knows more.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilperson Winchell updated the Council on the Law Enforcement Expansion Committee’s last meeting. It was well attended and everyone had a very positive attitude. They will be meeting again on November 10, 2021, and they plan to propose a special mill levy to the Council at their next meeting on November 15, 2021. City Superintendent reminded her to include annual raises in the figures so that the general fund doesn’t end up paying the increases every year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mayor Raemaeker adjourned the meeting at 67:26 PM.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Attest:

Approve:

Linda Burley, Clerk-Treasurer

Dan Raemaeker, Mayor