

# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 7, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, Strom, and Ware. Also present were Public Works Director John Light, Chief Casey, and Clerk Lisa Stowe.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Oaths of Office were administered to Mayor Loen and Councilmember Martin. Resident Dorothy Crowshaw asked Councilmember Ware to call for a point of order regarding whether Councilmember Hodo should have an oath administered. Clerk Stowe administered oaths of office to Councilmember Hodo and Councilmember Palmer, for short and four-year terms, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve the agenda for the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting as amended. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen said she is happy to be mayor.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey said it has been quiet for the month of December. He talked about upcoming shift changes and about Deputy Rick Griner, who will receive a medal for risking his life to save a Sultan resident. The award ceremony will be January 15<sup>th</sup>, and Chief Casey congratulated Deputy Griner.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Strom read an email from resident Susan Forbes stating that a public records request would be removed if he promised to change action regarding private computers, which he then did. He also apologized for his mistake.

Councilmember Martin may receive assistance in obtaining a grant for city signage that would allow businesses to advertise and community events to be listed.

Councilmember Ware talked about changes to street lights. The PUD is replacing bulbs with LED lights that are brighter but do not have the same illumination spread. He appreciates the work the PUD is doing.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Sultan School District superintendent Dan Chaplik talked about an upcoming replacement levy. Discussion included the programs that the levy funds and the importance to students. Councilmember Ware commented on the changes to levy rates each year, which is based partly on the number of enrolled students. Councilmember Hodo verified what funds supported programs. Councilmember Strom asked if the levy was a large portion of the budget, which it is.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Snohomish Health District Board Representative. Councilmember Ware moved to appoint Councilmember Martin as representative for the City of Gold Bar to the Snohomish Health District Board. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.
2. Community Transit Board Representative. Councilmember Martin moved to appoint Councilmember Ware as representative for the City of Gold Bar on the Community Transit Board. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Snohomish County Interlocal for Overlay Improvements. This is a ten year interlocal between the city and the county for overlay projects and street improvements. Councilmember Ware asked if this was an interlocal the city has done in the past and Clerk Stowe said it was. Councilmember Martin brought up that, on the signature page, Aaron Reardon's name is still listed. Councilmember Strom moved to approve the interlocal between Gold Bar and Snohomish County for overlay projects, with the correction made on the signature page. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.
2. Ordinance Adoption Process. Mayor Loen informed the Council that she is changing the adoption process for ordinances in order to allow for more comment time from the public and more review time for the Council. Ordinance drafts will be introduced and presented for a first reading at the first meeting. At the second meeting drafts will be presented for a second reading and for any public comments. At the third meeting, drafts will be presented for final comments and adoption. As this is an administrative decision no action was needed by the Council, but no Councilmembers opposed the changes.
3. Ordinance #651, Title 9. This draft was presented for an introduction and first reading. The change involves deleting the chapter on curfews as curfews are not legally enforceable and are unconstitutional. Councilmember Ware asked for clarification if this was the state constitution or the federal constitution. Chief Casey explained that the US Supreme Court is striking curfew ordinances across the country and those ordinances are not standing up in court unless it is a curfew enacted for a specific emergency.
4. Ordinance #652, Title 5. This draft, relating to business licenses and regulations, was presented for an introduction and first reading. Changes have been made to bring the code up to date.
5. Signature Card for Bank of America Account. Mayor Loen requested action from the Council to allow for changes to the signature card for banking. This change would give her signatory authorization as Mayor. Councilmember Strom moved to change signature cards with the Bank of America, to give Mayor Linda Loen signatory authority for the City of Gold Bar. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried.

6. Finance Committee Representation. Historically the finance committee existed of two Councilmembers and two 'at-large' members. Mayor Loen would like to return to that ratio and asked for a volunteer from the Council to join the committee. Councilmember Ware moved to add another Councilmember to the finance Committee, and Councilmember Hodo seconded the motion. Councilmember Ware then moved to amend his motion to appoint Councilmember Strom to the Finance Committee. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the amended motion carried.

Councilmember Ware then asked about recent audit comments regarding checking the bank statements. Mayor Loen plans to meet with the auditor to find out specifically what they meant and what they want to see in place before making any changes.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

During review of the minutes, Councilmember Strom asked for an update on the purchase of computers for the Council. Mayor Loen continues to work on that and is obtaining quotes. She is also working on getting a credit card for the city. She hopes to have more information by the next meeting.

Councilmember Martin moved to approve minutes for the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to accept vouchers 20750 – 20787, with \$14581.36 for claims and \$20375.37 for payroll, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chief Casey presented a flyer for a get-together at Vinnacio's Coffee in Sultan on February 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 am until noon, to meet and visit with the new Sheriff, Ty Trenary.

Councilmember Martin welcomed Mayor Loen.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Frank Linth spoke about the need for approving the Sultan School District levy and the value of Health District representation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

  
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Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
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Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 21, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, Strom, and Ware. Also present were Public Works Director John Light, Chief Casey, and Clerk Lisa Stowe.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda still listed Oaths of Office, which was struck from the agenda. Under New Business, Ordinance #655 did not have the wording 'Introduction/1<sup>st</sup> Reading', which was added. Councilmember Ware then moved to approve the agenda for the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 meeting as amended. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen passed on information on skiing at the pass, reminded people that dog licenses are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>, and shared information on an upcoming event at Pine Creek Nursery.

### STAFF REPORT

Public Works Director Light said he is beginning the two - year process for updating the Comprehensive Plan.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Strom is enjoying being on the finance committee.

Councilmember Palmer talked about cuts to long term employment benefits, rising costs, and increases to taxes. He wanted to bring this to the attention of the Council and asked residents to write their representatives.

Councilmember Ware will not be at the next Council meeting.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Resident Leroy Kramer asked for an update on pothole repairs. Director Light said that the work is progressing but the crew is currently dealing with the landslide in Index.

Resident Steve Fore talked about a lot of people in the neighborhood that don't belong. He suggested people take photos and be aware of what's going on. Chief Casey encouraged him to call 911.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #651, Title 9. This draft was presented for second reading. Councilmember Ware moved to approve Ordinance #651 relating to public peace, morals, and welfare for a second reading. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried.

2. Ordinance #652, Title 5. This draft was presented for a second reading. Councilmember Strom moved to approve Ordinance #652 relating to business licenses and regulations for a second reading. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.

3. Board of Health Appointee Discussion and Action. At the last meeting, the Council acted on a letter from the Health District requiring them to appoint a representative. Clerk Stowe said the city then received notification that the Board actually does not want individual city representation as they don't have enough room for everyone. They clarified that they want action that allows Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak to continue as representative for Sultan, Gold Bar, and Index, or they want someone who is willing to take on representing all those cities. Stowe said that since action was taken through a motion at the last meeting, a motion now to change that action would be needed.

After discussion it was decided that since Mayor Guzak sends reports out from those meetings, Councilmember Martin will review those minutes and report to the Council. Councilmember Hodo moved to allow Snohomish Mayor Guzak to represent Gold Bar on the Health District Board. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried.

4. Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Loen reminded the Council that it was time to address the position of Mayor pro-tem. Councilmember Martin moved to appoint Councilmember Strom as Mayor Pro-Tem. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.

5. Ordinance #653, Title 12. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #653 relating to streets, sidewalks, and public places, for an introduction and first reading. With a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

6. Ordinance #654, Chapter 17.64. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #654 relating to temporary uses and special events for an introduction and first reading and Councilmember Strom seconded the motion. There was brief discussion around potential conflicts with Ordinance #653, discharging cannons, and the variance process. Councilmember Ware reminded the Council that such discussion would be more appropriate during the second reading.

Resident Fore then discussed insurance coverage, insurance requirements, and requirements for coverage for his business, which led to general discussion around insurance requirements for cities vs. businesses, and the need for a permit process. Clerk Stowe called for a point of order and informed those present that once a motion has been made, discussion can only be on the motion itself. Other discussion would be appropriate before or after the motion.

With no further discussion, Mayor Loen called for a vote and the motion carried.

7. Ordinance #655, Title 19. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #655 relating to administration of development regulations, for an introduction and first reading. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried. Councilmember Strom said there would be a lot of things to discuss and asked about the different types of permits. Director Light will be able to explain those. Councilmember Ware said the deleted material was applicable to the old process, and it appears the new material is applicable to the new process.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve minutes for the January 7, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 20788 – 20820, with \$87961.15 for claims and \$2400.00 for payroll, for a total of \$90361.15, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Martin asked for follow-up regarding collections owed to the city. Mayor Loen said some have been collected, some are still in process, and she will give a more robust answer at the February meeting.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by both Councilmember Strom and Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.



Linda L. Loen, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Councilmember Hodo moved to excuse Councilmember Ware's absence. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried. Also present were Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the agenda for the February 4, 2014 meeting as written. With a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The finance committee is now reviewing bank reconciliations along with the mayor and treasurer.

Mayor Loen encouraged residents to vote for the school levy.

The Mayor will host a town meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, and the last Tuesday of each month. She encouraged residents to come chat with her. No councilmembers will be present.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey talked briefly about the federal investigation in the city limits. He also reviewed upcoming staffing changes.

Chief Casey thanked resident Donna Strom and Councilmember Hodo for their assistance in recent oral boards.

The traffic unit working this area is transferring back to deputies so the city should see some revenue.

Director Light is at a training so Councilmember Strom updated the Council on public works. Specifically, the Department of Ecology has conditionally approved the Shoreline Master Plan, with minor changes.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Martin asked Chief Casey if there are problems with drug camps similar to North Bend. He said there was similar activity in the past, but nothing now. He is more concerned about the area on the other side of the railroad tracks.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #651, Title 9. This draft was presented for action. Councilmember Strom moved to approve Ordinance #651 relating to public peace, morals, and welfare. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.
2. Ordinance #652, Title 5. This draft was presented for action. Councilmember Hodo moved to approve Ordinance #652 relating to business licenses and regulations. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.
3. Ordinance #653, Title 12, streets, sidewalks, and public places. Councilmember Palmer moved to accept Ordinance #653 for a second reading. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried.
4. Ordinance #654, Chapter 17.64, temporary uses and special events. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #654 for second reading. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried.
5. Ordinance #655, Title 19, administration of development regulations. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #655 for a second reading. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.
6. Ordinance #656, Shoreline Master Plan. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Ordinance #656 for an introduction and first reading. There was discussion around including the date of the triggering letter from the Department of Ecology. Councilmember Strom moved to amend his motion to include the date of the letter. Councilmember Martin seconded the amended motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve minutes for the January 21, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 20821 – 20855, with \$53441.85 for claims and \$13907.12 for payroll, for a total of \$67348.97, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

  
Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 18, 2014

## **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, Strom, and Ware. Also present were Public Works Director Light, Chief Casey, and Clerk Stowe.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to amend the agenda to change the start time from 6:30 to 7:00 and to remove Pace Engineering from the agenda. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular Council meeting was paused at 7:02 for Mayor Loen and the councilmembers to adjourn to an Executive Session for twenty minutes, under RCW 42.30.110(i). Mayor Loen asked that recording devices be shut off which Clerk Stowe did.

At 7:22 the council returned and Mayor Loen called the regular council meeting back into order. Clerk Stowe turned the recording device back on.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor had nothing to report.

## **STAFF REPORT**

There were no staff reports.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ware said he was happy to be back.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Under citizen comments, resident Joe Beavers spoke about city sidewalks, including the topics of responsibility for repairs, benefits to residents, repair types, enforcement of repairs, and maintenance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Pending Litigation. Councilmember Strom moved to reject a settlement offer and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Councilmember Ware suggested amending the motion to say litigation was rejected on the basis of the city's financial position. Other councilmembers did not agree. With no further discussion, Mayor Loen called for a vote. The original motion carried, with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

2. Ordinance #653, Title 12, streets, sidewalks, and public places. Clerk Stowe told the Council, that because of previous citizen comments, the Council could elect to act on this ordinance, postpone it, or amend it. Councilmember Martin moved to postpone action. With a second by Strom the motion carried, with Councilmembers Hodo and Ware abstaining.

3. Ordinance #654, Chapter 17.64, temporary uses and special events. Councilmember Strom moved to approve Ordinance #654 relating to temporary uses and special events. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

4. Ordinance #655, Title 19, administration of development regulations. Councilmember Ware moved to approve Ordinance #655 relating to administration of development regulations. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

5. Ordinance #656, Shoreline Master Plan. David Pater from the Department of Ecology talked about the process if the Council elected to not approve Ecology's suggested changes. He also explained Ecology's process for finalizing adoption after approval. Councilmember Martin asked Director Light if he was comfortable with the suggested changes. He said he was, and so was the city's consultant. Pater said the changes were minor. With no further discussion, Councilmember Strom moved to accept Ordinance #656 relating to the Shoreline Master Plan. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

6. Resolution 14-01, Fees. This resolution consolidates and updates fees. Councilmember Ware asked which fees were updated. Clerk Stowe said land use fees were brought current. Councilmember Strom asked if this put all fees in one area. Clerk Stowe said she found one ordinance that still listed fees and that would be presented for amendment later on the agenda. With no further discussion Councilmember Martin moved to accept Resolution 14-01 relating to fees as written. With a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried.

7. Ordinance #657, General Penalties. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #657 relating to general penalties for an introduction and first reading. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Ware said he approved of the addition of this section to the agenda.

Councilmember Strom asked for an update on the order of computers. Due to weather conditions, UPS and FedEx are behind in deliveries. The computers have been paid for.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve minutes for the February 4, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried. with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom said the finance committee reviewed vouchers and found no irregularities. Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 20856 – 20880, with \$13727.56 for claims and \$2500.00 for payroll, for a total of \$16227.56, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Ware moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Linda L. Loen, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, and Ware. Also present were Public Works Director Light, Chief Casey, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Hodo moved to excuse Councilmember Strom's absence due to illness. With a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Ware moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no mayor's report

## STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about a slight increase in burglaries and thefts. He also talked about problems recently with people purchasing stolen property and then reselling it. There is a misunderstanding that once you purchase property it is yours, no matter where it came from. Actually, reselling stolen property can be a crime. Actually, a court only needs to show that a reasonable person in a similar situation would have known the item was stolen. If that requirement can be shown, the person can be prosecuted.

Chief Casey also encouraged residents to call if they see the people going door to door selling vacuum cleaners. It will help if 911 is called when the person is at the door or seen going to a neighbor's house, as it will be easier to find them than if the call is made after they have left the home. This group may say they are not selling vacuum cleaners and not breaking city code, but they actually are.

Director Light received a letter from the Department of Ecology approving the Shoreline Master Plan.

Clerk Stowe, Director Light, and Councilmember Strom are working on checklist to begin the comprehensive plan update.

Director Light gave each councilmember a CD with the water system plan. He asked that they review the disc and bring comments, which will go to the health department and consultants. There will also be a SEPA process, solicitation of public comment, and a public hearing. He would also like to create an ad-hoc committee to assist with this plan, involving local business owners, and asked that interested people contact Mayor Loen. There was discussion around specifics of an ad-hoc committee, including when the group might meet, if businesses have been solicited, and if residents can be involved as well.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ware commented on the short agenda and suggested that additional items be found. Mayor Loen said that councilmembers can always bring things for the agenda, and reminded Councilmember Ware that there are upcoming ordinance revisions that were delayed for this meeting.

Councilmember Ware said the finance committee used to receive a line item budget so they could review balances. Mayor Loen is working on that. Councilmember Ware also said that the finance committee had just received their first bank reconciliation. Mayor Loen said it was actually the second.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Under citizen comments, resident Leroy Kramer asked about the parking issue at Right-Way Auto. The owner was offered a load of gravel if he moved the truck that is obstructing views but has not yet moved the truck. This led into a great deal of discussion around parking along SR2, parking in general, how to restrict parking, how to regulate it, and the current parking ordinance. The result of discussion was that Mayor Loen and Chief Casey will research regulations and citations, as well as review the relevant municipal code, and keep both the Council and residents updated.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #657, General Penalties. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #657 relating to general penalties for a second reading. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.
2. Discussion on Possibility of Hiring a Temp. Mayor Loen would like to hire a temporary maintenance worker that might eventually become a permanent employee for the water system. There was discussion around how many hours would be worked, which fund would pay for the labor, where the person would be hired from, what requirements for hiring would be needed, and what rate the person would be paid. Mayor Loen will return to the council with specifics around agencies and pay rates. After discussion the council decided there were no problems with researching this further.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Ware asked if there was any expectation of losing current employees, which there is not.

Councilmember Hodo asked for clarification if the water system plan would be on the agenda for the next meeting. Director Light said what he's looking for are comments for the next meeting.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to approve the February 18, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to accept vouchers 20881 – 20908, with \$21322.63 for claims and \$19178.29 for payroll, for a total of \$40500.92, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Resident Susan Forbes suggested limiting the time a person could park in a right of way along SR2 rather than abolishing parking, in order to allow business customers to park.

Resident Tracy Cotteril talked about a shipping container parked in such a way that it is squeezing the road into one lane. Mayor Loen will research this, along with the parking issues.

Resident Joanne Price asked, in relationship to the parking issues, how streets without sidewalks would be impacted. This led to discussion about the width of streets, survey markers, how the centerline of a road is determined, obstructing views, safety, and parking on private property, which the city does not regulate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Ware moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

  
Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, Strom, and Ware. Also present were Public Works Director Light, Chief Casey, Office Manager/Animal Control Officer Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

There was no mayor's report

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey said Deputy Cook had accepted a different position, and his previous one had been filled.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Strom asked if the speed tables on 1<sup>st</sup> Street could be painted, possibly with something reflective. Mayor Loen will look into this.

Councilmember Ware was pleased to see a full agenda.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. US2 Vehicle on Right of Way. The Department of Transportation is sending someone to do a safety survey, but no date has yet been set.
2. Water Comprehensive Plan. Director Light asked the Council to direct the Mayor to send the Plan to the Department of Health for review. The process will also include SEPA review, a public comment period, a public hearing, and addressing public comments. Councilmember Hodo moved to approve sending the Water Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Health for review. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried.
3. Trailer on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. This container has been moved by the owner as soon as he realized it was a problem.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeal, Action. Kerry Mugaas, the dog owner who requested the appeal, was not in attendance. Animal Control Officer Beaston explained to the Council the actions of the potentially dangerous dog, and the actions taken by the City. Witnesses talked about the aggressive behavior of the dog. Chief Casey also spoke about witnessing the dog's behavior. The aggressive behavior, the failure of the owner to license the dog, and the failure of the owner to contain the dog, have been issues since May of 2013. The dog's owner appealed the designation of 'potentially dangerous dog'.

After a great deal of discussion, Councilmember Strom moved to deny the appeal and with a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried.

2. Fiscal Year 2015 Overlay Project Increase. The city received a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for overlays of two streets. Since the grant was received, supply costs have gone up. TIB is paying for the majority of the increase, but the city does have the grant requirement of paying a percentage. This means an increase of \$1398 over what was previously approved.

Councilmember Hodo asked where the funds came from and if there were funds for this increase. Mayor Loen said this comes from the street fund and Councilmember Ware said there were funds available because all of the funds are currently under budget.

Councilmember Hodo then moved to approve the increase in funds and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

3. Ordinance #657, General Penalties, Action. Councilmember Strom moved to approve Ordinance #657 relating to General Penalties, as presented. With a second by both Councilmembers Palmer and Hodo, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe explained to the Council that they will now receive two versions of draft ordinances. One will be a strikethrough version in order for the Council to review changes, and one will be a final clean version for adoption.

4. Ordinance #658, Animals, Introduction and First Reading. Mayor Loen said one big change in this draft is that appeals will go to the Hearing Examiner rather than the Council. Mayor Loen also said these ordinance drafts are on the website for the public to review and comment. Councilmember Strom moved to approve Ordinance #658 relating to Animals, for an introduction and first reading. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

5. Ordinance #659, Kennel Definition, Introduction and First Reading. Clerk Stowe said that there are two definitions of kennels. One is in Zoning and the other in the Animal code. She felt it made sense to have the definition in one spot. Councilmember Ware asked which version would be used. Clerk Stowe said that the definition in the Animal code was more detailed so that is the version chosen. With no further discussion, Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #659 relating to the definition of kennels, for an introduction and first reading. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

6. Ordinance #660, Vehicles and Traffic, Introduction and First Reading. Councilmember Hodo clarified that the regulations around parking are still in place and enforceable, which they are. Councilmember Hodo then moved to accept Ordinance #660, relating to Vehicles and Traffic, for an introduction and first reading. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.

7. Ordinance #661, Finance, Introduction and First Reading. Mayor Loen talked about the purchase order process, and the associated difficulties involved when needing to purchase a small item, or a necessary item like a new tire. There was discussion around the threshold amounts, accountability, credit cards, and wording. Mayor Loen reminded everyone that this ordinance is also on the website for public review and comment. With no further discussion, Councilmember Strom moved to accept Ordinance #661 relating to Finance and Revenues, for an introduction and first reading. With a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Palmer asked about the shipping container that was mentioned at the last meeting. That is the trailer on 5<sup>th</sup> Street that has been moved.

Councilmember Hodo asked if the finance committee received the line item budget, which they have.

Councilmember Strom has been assisting with the Growth Management grant and review of the Comprehensive Plan, and is learning how tough that work is. He is impressed with how much work the staff does, that does not get noticed.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the March 4, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried, with Councilmember Strom abstaining.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to accept vouchers 20909 – 20930, with \$16513.23 for claims and \$2400.00 for payroll, for a total of \$18913.23, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no further citizen comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

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Linda L. Loen, Mayor

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Lisa Stowe, Clerk

# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar  
Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 1, 2014

## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, Strom, and Ware. Also present were Public Works Director Light, Chief Casey, and Clerk Stowe.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Ware moved to accept the agenda as amended and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen met with local grade school children and they would like a library. There may be a building that could be converted with minimal expense. Mayor Loen will look into this further and report back.

Mayor Loen called for a moment of silence for those who were lost to the Oso slide, and for those who are working to help.

## STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey said there were a couple incidents in town, including one where a vehicle was used as a weapon in an assault. The second incident involved an increase in counterfeit money. He reminded people to check cash, and said these counterfeit bills are of poor quality and recognizable as counterfeit if looked at.

Chief Casey is assisting office manager Beaston and Director Light on code enforcement issues.

Staffing has been changed due to assistance needed with the Oso slide, but that should be returning to normal.

Director Light talked about Jerry Wood, a former councilmember who was instrumental in disaster preparedness for Gold Bar. He passed away on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and services will be this Saturday in Monroe. The city has sent flowers. Mr. Wood was a good man and this is a sad loss. Because of his service to the city and for all his many friends, Mayor Loen called for a moment of silence in memory of Jerry Wood.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Palmer requested that the subject of ATVs be placed on the next agenda.

Councilmembers Palmer and Martin both asked about progress on a sign. Councilmember Palmer is working on this but the sign can't be touched because it is on private property.

Councilmember Martin said the annual egg hunt will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Red Hats will be meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> in order to stuff bags and baskets.

Councilmember Ware talked about trucks outside of Sultan that are infringing on SR2 when parked at night. He wanted that brought to Chief Casey's attention.

Councilmember Ware would like more information on the proposal to create a library. Mayor Loen will follow up on this at the next meeting.

Councilmember Ware reminded people that one person received counterfeit money from their ATM machine at a local bank.

Councilmember Ware will not be at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting due to religious reasons.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Resident Leon Skinner asked for a porta-pottie and electricity in order to host a fundraiser in the park for Oso victims. After discussion it was decided that Skinner would come to city hall to fill out a special events application.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

US2 Vehicle on Right of Way. Mayor Loen said the vehicle has been determined to be a safety violation. She will talk to local businesses and ask for their involvement in creating regulations around parking, including a proposed five-foot no parking area on the inside of sidewalks. She will update the Council and this may result in a new ordinance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Gold Dust Days Permanent Power Pole. Each year the city incurs costs in putting up temporary poles. Mayor Loen presented an estimate on costs to install a permanent one on 4<sup>th</sup> and Lewis. The city's share of the cost would be \$6990, out of fund 301 for capital improvements. There was discussion around the costs, safety hazards involved in setting up and taking down the temporary poles, where money comes from for capital improvements, if there is money in the fund, the percentage of those funds that can be spent on projects, and capital improvements vs. maintenance needs. After discussion, Councilmember Strom moved to allot \$7000 out of REET fund 301 for a power pole and meter box. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

2. Resolution 14-02, Fees and Penalties. Fees were compiled into a fee schedule through Resolution 14-01, but general penalties were overlooked. This resolution would amend the fee schedule to include general penalties. There was a great deal of ongoing discussion around section 'B' in the resolution regarding repeat offenders within a twenty-four hour period. A large portion of the discussion centered on defining a repeat violation, and many examples were cited. After Chief Casey clarified the intent, Councilmember Ware moved to table Resolution 14-02 for time to review the wording, and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion.

Mayor Loen then reminded the Council they could elect to remove section B and act on the resolution. Councilmember Ware then retracted his motion.

Councilmember Ware then moved to remove section 'B' and approve Resolution 14-02 as amended. With a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried. Councilmember Strom said he is in favor of the intent of section 'B' just not the current wording.

Councilmember Ware asked to have Chief Casey review the wording for presentation to the council at a later date.

3. Ordinance #653, Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places, second reading. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Ordinance #653 relating to streets, sidewalks, and public places for a second reading and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion.

There was one change in the ordinance from the initial draft. Previously, the responsibility for repair and maintenance of sidewalks rested with abutting property owners. The change took that responsibility from the property owner and gave it to the city, in order to guarantee timely repairs and consistency.

Director Light recommended adding wording to allow for compensation to the city when damage was the fault of the abutting property owner. This led to discussion around how to prove that fault, potential types of damage including garbage trucks and tree roots, and if the act needed to be witnessed. Finally Chief Casey clarified that what Director Light was talking about related to negligence, which is definable legally.

Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that there was a motion on the floor that required action, and detailed the types of action the Council could take. Mayor Loen then called for a vote on the motion to accept the ordinance. There were no votes in favor, and all were opposed. Clerk Stowe will add the wording recommended by Chief Casey and have that as the revised draft at the next meeting for a second reading.

4. Ordinance #658, Animals, second reading. Councilmember Ware is still in the process of proposing changes and asked to defer this action for a month in order to continue working on the draft. Mayor Loen asked to meet with Councilmember Ware in order to update members at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Strom asked about wording around prosecuting attorneys and if the city had one. The current city attorney fulfills that role if needed.

Clerk Stowe asked councilmembers to get questions and suggestions to her and also asked that councilmembers make sure the animal control officer was involved in the process.

5. Ordinance #659, Kennel definition, second reading. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #659 relating to kennel definitions for a second reading. With a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

6. Ordinance #660, Vehicles and traffic, second reading. Councilmember Strom found errors relating to old wording not omitted, such as 'police chief' and 'police department'. Clerk Stowe will make amendments and bring the draft back at the next meeting.

7. Ordinance #661, Finance, second reading. Councilmember Strom found a couple simple typographical errors in the draft. Because those did not constitute changes to the substance of the ordinance, Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #661 for a second reading, with changes made as discussed. With a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe thanked the council for reading the drafts.

8. Coastal Bank discussion. Mayor Loen looked into switching city banking from a national bank to a local bank. She presented the council with a comparison and cost analysis. It appears the city can get everything that other banks offer. There was discussion around a limited debit card, remote deposits, and the fact that Bank of America still has not returned calls.

Councilmember Ware said the finance committee had proposed this to a previous mayor but there had been issues at the time. He asked for verification that those issues did not still exist, which they do not. After further discussion, Mayor Loen asked the council to bring any questions to her so she can get more information for the next meeting.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Ware returned to Ordinance 658 and animal control. He feels a lot of things spelled out in the draft could be switched to codes dealing with disturbances and nuisances.

Mayor Loen asked the council if they preferred to receive packets electronically or in paper format. Councilmember Strom prefers electronic; all others prefer paper.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to approve the March 18, 2014 minutes as presented and Councilmember Strom seconded the motion. There was discussion on painting speed bumps until Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that

there was a motion on the table and discussion should only be on the motion. Mayor Loen then called for a vote and the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to accept vouchers 20931 – 20963, with \$98536.52 for claims and \$19663.21 for payroll, for a total of \$118199.73, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Russell Haney came in at this point and asked about the vehicle on SR2. Because this had been discussed earlier on the agenda, Mayor Loen gave him a brief overview and offered to meet with him after the meeting. He also asked about community service for 17<sup>th</sup> Street, which Mayor Loen is working on.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Strom moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Linda L. Loen, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk

# City of Gold Bar

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City of Gold Bar  
Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 15, 2014

## **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Public Works Director Light, Chief Casey, and Office Manager Beaston.

Councilmember Strom moved to excuse Councilmember Ware's absence. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried. Councilmember Hodo then moved to excuse Councilmember Martin's absence. With a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen said the fund raiser suggested by Leon Skinner to support Oso slide victims raised \$3673.

The egg hunt will begin at 9:00 am on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey said a small pipe bomb made out of sparklers was found under the 399<sup>th</sup> St. bridge.

Deputy Saint-Denis has returned and Deputy Gray is now working the night shift.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hodo asked about the upcoming AWC training on the public records act. This will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was called to order at 7:06 for the purpose of presenting the Determination of Non-significance for the 2013 Water System Plan. Director Light reviewed the Determination and the purpose for it. There were no comments from the public or from councilmembers. The public hearing was then closed at 7:09.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 14-03 relating to fees and penalties was presented for action. After review, Councilmember Strom moved to accept Resolution #14-03 relating to fees and penalties as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.
2. Ordinance #653, Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places, was presented for a second reading after amendments were made based on comments received at the last council meeting. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #653 for a second reading and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.
3. Ordinance #659, Kennel definition, was presented for action. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #659 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.
4. Ordinance #660, Vehicles and traffic, was presented for a second reading after amendments were made. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Ordinance #660 for a second reading and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.
5. Ordinance #661, Finance, was presented for action. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #661 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.
6. Ordinance #662, Environment, was presented for an introduction and first reading. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Ordinance #662 for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.
7. Ordinance #663 related to subdivisions was presented for an introduction and first reading. Councilmember Strom moved to accept the ordinance for an introduction and first reading and Councilmember Hodo seconded the motion. However after review it was determined changes were needed to the draft. Councilmember Strom withdrew his motion and Councilmember Hodo withdrew his second. Councilmember Strom then moved to postpone the first reading until the next meeting. With a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.
8. Coastal Bank discussion. Councilmember Hodo moved to approve moving the city's banking services to Coastal Bank. With a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to approve the April 1, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 20964 – 20986, with \$11612.91 for claims and \$2000 for payroll, for a total of \$13612.91, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ralph Wood presented a handout to the Council regarding building size and current regulations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

  
Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk

# City of Gold Bar

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City of Gold Bar  
Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 6, 2014

## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, Strom and Ware. Also present were Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen informed Ralph Woods that she continues to research his question regarding allowing homes under one thousand feet to be constructed. She said most cities that allow this type of construction are on sewer systems, while Gold Bar is on a septic systems, and septic systems fall under specific rules regarding requirements for size. She also said research has shown that smaller homes reduce property values for neighbors.

## STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey said there were multiple hit and runs recently at the west end of town. The person was caught and taken into custody. There was a domestic violence incident and that person is in jail. A motorcycle was stolen, the thief tracked down and arrested, and the motorcycle, along with another that had been stolen in 2011, were recovered. There have been a lot of traffic complaints along SR2 and State Patrol has been assisting with those. Finally, Chief Casey is working on issuing tickets for city violations such as accumulation of waste materials and residing in structures that are not lawful to live in.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ware commended Chief Casey and his work.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

Resident Bobby Stilwater congratulated Mayor Loen on being mayor.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Loen appointed Jan Burdue to the position of city treasurer, and asked the council to confirm that appointment. Ms. Burdue will work three days a week, at a rate of \$20 per hour for the first three months of her probationary period, and thereafter at \$23 per hour. Councilmember Ware moved to confirm Jan Burdue as city treasurer at the specified rate of pay, and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

2. Ordinance #653, Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places, was presented for action. Councilmember Hodo moved to adopt Ordinance #653 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

3. Ordinance #658, Animals, was presented for a second reading. Councilmember Hodo asked if the first reading hadn't been postponed, but it was clarified that it was the second reading postponed due to Councilmember Ware's absence. Councilmember Strom then moved to accept Ordinance #658 relating to animals for a second reading and with a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

4. Ordinance #660, Vehicles and traffic, was presented for action. Councilmember Ware moved to adopt Ordinance #660 and Councilmember Hodo seconded the motion. Councilmember Strom asked about section 10.06.010 relating to speed limits on SR2. After discussion it was decided to amend the first sentence in this section. With no further discussion the motion to adopt carried.

5. Ordinance #662, Environment, was presented for a second reading. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #662 for a second reading, and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

6. Ordinance #663 related to subdivisions was presented for an introduction and first reading. Councilmember Strom moved to accept the ordinance for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried.

7. Ordinance #664 relating to motorized recreational vehicle use on public streets was presented for an introduction and first reading. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #664 for a first reading and Councilmember Strom seconded the motion, which then opened the ordinance up for discussion.

Councilmember Hodo said if Gold Bar does accept this then the ordinance needs to state which roads will be used. Mayor Loen said that that is included in the ordinance.

Mayor Loen encouraged all residents to comment and make their wishes known. She also reiterated that by adopting this through an ordinance process, it will be clear exactly what has been adopted. She said Snohomish County has not yet adopted regulations for roads so this ordinance would not impact May Creek Road as that is in the County. Right now, this ordinance only impacts recreational vehicles on city streets. The ordinance can be revoked if issues come up. She also said that council decisions need to reflect citizen wishes.

Discussion points included the following.

Resident Chuck Lie: the city doesn't need another layer of traffic complexity.

Resident Tracy Cotterill: does not want to hear people going around on ATVs. Gold Bar should not be part of Reiter foothills, things should continue as they are now, and this is a quality of life issue.

Resident Bobby Stilwater: supports this and feels people should be able to ride ATVs to the store, which saves on gas. He asked to not condemn the machine because of a few stupid riders. Semi-trucks, and vehicles with loud music make more noise than ATVs.

Councilmember Ware called for a point of order and said there should be only one speaker at a time. Clerk Stowe will watch this.

Resident Steve Bush: regulations would prevent racket and riding up and down. There are street legal requirements for the vehicles that will also help. It's a convenience to be able to go to the store. If the County opened roads this would also be nice. Doesn't think there will be recreational use in town but rather use for the convenience on a street legal vehicle. He asked the council to take a close look at what street legal means.

Mark Glover, the new owner of the former Poas café, sees the benefit of saving gas. He asked if kids could drive on the street, which they cannot. With that clarified he saw no issue with allowing the vehicles.

Resident Joanne Price: doesn't want the vehicles, doesn't like them, and doesn't think Gold Bar has to allow them for someone else's entertainment.

Sarah McGinnis: truck noise is already going on and more noise isn't needed.

Linda Driscoll is not a resident of Gold Bar but was part of a statewide effort to pass the associated House Bill. She strongly supports the ordinance, the House Bill created a new class of motorized vehicles that will be modified with safety equipment, inspected, driven by licensed drivers that have signed releases, and vehicles will have to display a tag and obey all rules of the road. She feels this will generate revenue for the city.

Todd Strickler is not a resident of Gold Bar but said he has a recreational vehicle in the back of his truck if anyone wants to listen to it run.

Resident Joe Beavers: Sultan ran a test with an ATV, a side-by-side, and a Harley to answer the noise issue. The quietest was the side-by-side, followed by the ATV, with the Harley the loudest, and a truck that went by during the test even louder.

Chris Marsh is not a resident of Gold Bar but is on the Planning Commission for Granite Falls and supports this because if small cities can show interest then that can be combined for tourism and encourages the County to do the same. He thinks the city will see an increase in revenue. He also apologized for comments in the Monroe Monitor and clarified that what he said was that meth use in the whole county is more of an issue than ATVs. It was not his intent to degrade the city.

Tracy Cotteril said there are people who stand to make money off this who don't live in town. Regarding loud noises from semis and other vehicles, that can't be controlled while this issue can. She doesn't think this would be a high priority if 911 were called.

Chief Casey said drivers will have to take a course in order to be able to ride. Regarding response times, priorities aren't going to change meaning a burglary, for example, will take higher priority than a noise violation. The flip side of that is that if a person calls 911 on a noisy truck, a deputy has to witness that in order to write a ticket. With ATVs, the deputy can issue a ticket based on the complaint, meaning there is authority to enforce the code when they arrive.

Councilmember Ware said he sees four people opposed, three in favor, and one neutral. Citizens don't want to see ATVs in residential areas so if this is legal it has to be only on thoroughfares, using the shortest route to their destination. Noise is an issue for him personally. Motorcycles are huge noise violators and are allowed on city streets. The noise ordinance should be enforced with those. He is also wrestling with restricting ATVs when others and motorcycles are not.

Councilmember Hodo asked if every street in town needed to be talked about. Mayor Loen said there are no thoroughfares since the County has not approved anything, so the ordinance only addresses residents in Gold Bar. Right now the ordinance is for streets with a speed limit of thirty-five mph or less. Councilmember Hodo said state law says no riding of ATVs near schools. Mayor Loen said the ordinance addresses that, allowing none during school hours and children cannot be picked up or dropped off on ATVs. Councilmember Ware said the restriction would not apply then when school is not in session. He does not feel this ordinance is ready to be approved.

Councilmember Strom said if vehicles follow the rules there are no issues. The issues then are those who won't follow rules. He also sees this as something for residents and could be considered a test period to see how it works before the County makes a decision.

Councilmember Ware understands this is for residents but other residents don't want it. He doesn't want to open all streets so then it becomes how to transport.

Councilmember Strom doesn't see many ATVs or golf carts in town. He sees power chairs and electric scooters. Those should be addressed, too. So maybe the issue could be expanded.

Councilmember Hodo is reluctant to vote and thinks citizens don't want them but businesses do.

Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that voting the ordinance in for a first reading allows debate, research, and a comment period to continue.

Councilmember Palmer would like to see citizens get involved. If people have something to say, they should get out and say it. Six people have spoken at this meeting out of a population of two thousand. If people think the city won't do the right thing then they need to get out and say something.

Councilmember Strom suggested a public meeting and he and Clerk Stowe suggested a survey. Councilmember Strom said more attention would be paid to the people of Gold Bar who filled out the survey than those who did not reside in town.

Mayor Loen said again that the reason this is in ordinance form is so that everyone is very clear on what the law would be, and to encourage people to come forward. She felt a survey was a good suggestion.

Resident Dorothy Crowshaw asked if anyone had researched how Sultan was handling this. Mayor Loen said yes, as well as other cities.

Ralph Woods asked if there is a mechanism that will be in place for noise. Mayor Loen said the ordinance could have a sunset clause with a time limit.

Steve Bush urged the Council to not table the ordinance but to continue with the process.

Discussion moved to between audience members and Clerk Stowe reminded them that comments should be addressed to the Council.

Chuck Lie said this is not a benefit for residents and sets the stage for a change in the culture of the town. He felt misled by the conversation.

With no further discussion a vote was called for on the motion to accept Ordinance 664 for an introduction and first reading. Councilmembers Strom, Martin, and Palmer voted in favor; Councilmembers Ware and Hodo were opposed. The motion carried.

Mayor Loen will create a survey and send it out.

8. Resolution #14-04 relating to changing to Coastal Bank and changing signatory cards was presented for action. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Resolution #14-04 and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

9. BHC Consultants contract for the Comprehensive Plan update. There is already a contract in place with the consultants. They submitted a scope of work that states they will not go over \$10,000 which is the amount of the growth management grant. Councilmember Strom moved to approve the scope of work by BHC Consultants and with a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Strom likes the idea of a survey to get the voice of the people.

Councilmember Palmer would also like to see a town hall meeting.

Councilmember Ware said no streets exist that are not residential and routes need to be identified as thoroughfares which has implications on speed limits. There are also safety impacts to be considered.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve the April 15, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to accept vouchers 20987 – 21014, with \$18253.42 for claims and \$9661.10 for payroll, for a total of \$27914.52, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Steve Bush said if only thoroughfares were opened he might have to load his ATV on a trailer and then leave the trailer somewhere and all that needs to be taken into consideration.

Tracy Cotteril said she can't remember a time when the mayor and council have so respected the opinions of residents.

Sarah McGinnis thanked the council as well and said attending meetings used to be disheartening.

Chuck Lie said he takes offense at Councilmember Palmer's comment that citizens that don't show up are to blame. Councilmember Palmer clarified that he did not say that and his comments were related to encouraging people to speak up.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Ware moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Linda L. Loen, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk

City of Gold Bar  
 Council Meeting Sign In Form  
 May 6, 2014

Printed Name	Signature
Tracy Cottrell	Tracy Cottrell C.B. resident
PHILIP LEE	Resident
TODD STRICKLER	[Signature]
Chris Marsh	[Signature] Gold Bar Falls
Janne Quie	Gold Bar
Steve Bush	Steve Bush
LINDA DRISCOLL	MONROE
Robert Stilwater	[Signature]

# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 20, 2014

## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, Strom and Ware. Also present was Clerk Stowe.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Ware moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen said long-time resident Bert McClelland passed away. He was a fire commissioner, councilmember, and active volunteer, and will be missed.

## STAFF REPORT

Clerk Stowe found an error in the agenda when doing the minutes for the May 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The agenda listed checks from 20988 to 21014 but the correct numbering should have been 20987. Check 20987 did exist, had been reviewed by the finance committee, and was on the original agenda but during the amendment process inadvertently changed. She suggested the Council consider amending the minutes to reflect that.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Strom received a complaint that they could not be heard by the audience. He asked about microphones that no longer worked and wondered if they could be fixed. Mayor Loen will research this.

Councilmember Martin said there has been a marvelous turnout of volunteers assisting with spring mowing and landscaping. She appreciates all their work.

Councilmember Ware is moving to California. As a result, he tendered his resignation from the finance committee, effective immediately, with the offer to continue as a consultant until he moves. He also tendered his resignation as a Councilmember, effective the end of June. Mayor Loen told him he would be missed. Councilmember Hodo said he was sorry to hear this, Councilmember Strom wished him luck in the new job, and Councilmember Martin offered to get him a fire shelter to take with him to California.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #658 relating to Animal Control was presented for action. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #658 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.
2. Ordinance #662 relating to the Environment was presented for action. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Ordinance #662 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin and Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.
3. Ordinance #663 relating to subdivisions was presented for a second reading. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #663 for a second reading and with a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.
4. Ordinance #664 relating to motorized recreational vehicle use on public streets was presented for a second reading. Prior to action, Mayor Loen asked to have this ordinance tabled for one to two meetings in order for approval from the council on a proposed survey. The cost to do the survey would be an estimated \$600, although if postcards were used for return postage, the cost would be less. She said other options included holding a public hearing or having volunteers go door to door. As she was unable to find volunteers from both sides of the discussion, she did not feel going door to door was an option.

Councilmember Strom suggested having someone sit in the lobby of the Family Grocer store and conduct a poll or hand out the survey. Mayor Loen said the problem again was no volunteers from both sides.

Councilmember Palmer said he thought that could be bi-partisan. Councilmember Ware said conducting the poll or handing out surveys would provide a poor sampling and could result in biased results. He said the paper survey is a firm vote with a full sample of residents. Councilmember Hodo agreed and felt the survey would be the best way to contact most people, even with the cost. Councilmember Strom agreed that a sampling taken from a place like the grocery store would be limited but was looking for a cheaper cost.

Councilmember Hodo moved to table Ordinance #664 for one to two meetings and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion.

Resident Steve Bush said at the last meeting he was compelled by the idea of a survey but now was not sure what would be accomplished. Those who are interested will attend the meetings. He suggested the Council legislate and not operate on polls and surveys. The ordinance complies with state laws. He asked how many had actually read the ordinance. He felt most of the negativity came from a lack of understanding. He said the Council has an option to re-examine the issue if there are problems, and offered to talk to anyone about problems they think may be created.

Resident Chuck Lie said each Councilmember needs to think through changing traffic. He read the ordinance and there are already traffic issues on weekends so the Council should control traffic where they can. He sees vigilante aspects of the law and commented on the difficulty of obtaining license plate numbers.

A woman named Joanna (no last name given) said this was a good idea as it would bring in new people and business to help out the small businesses in town. She felt if it got out of control, there are laws in place.

Outdoor recreation activist Ted Jackson talked about the process drafting the law, that it is codified and reflected in RCW 46.20, and the intent becomes clearer if the law is read after this codification. He said a key thing is the local control and the city will always have control as this is a local decision.

With no further discussion Mayor Loen called for a vote on the motion to table the second reading. With Councilmember Ware abstaining, the motion carried.

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve the cost of the survey and Councilmember Strom seconded the motion. Before the vote was called for, Councilmember Martin said she would abstain because she would like to look at the cheaper option of using postcards. Mayor Loen said she was going to do that, and with that information Councilmember Martin then did not abstain when the vote was called for. The motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Ware said regarding Steve Bush's comments, he feels the Council does have a responsibility to make decisions that affect the city. He also admires Chuck Lie's comment that when it comes to changing culture, the Council needs to listen to the voice of residents. So he is very happy with the survey. Councilmember Martin agreed and said it would be interesting and informative to hear what people say. She hopes residents will make comments.

Councilmember Hodo said time is needed to review the big picture and to allow the Council to look into all side-effects and digest information. He feels this needs to be considered closely and the survey will allow them to be better prepared to vote.

Mayor Loen said both sides say they want the Council to do their job. This will change the culture of the town so the Council needs to hear from as many residents as possible.

Councilmember Ware said if apathy is shown through survey results then that shows citizens are deferring to the Council to make the decision.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to amend the May 6, 2014 minutes to reflect changing check number 20988 to 20987. With a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to accept vouchers 21015 – 21040, with \$6768.23 for claims and \$11211.03 for payroll, for a total of \$17979.26, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Steve Bush talked about his concern with the survey. He has talked to several people and their first impression is 'no'. When he asks why, they feel people will race in the streets doing 'wheelies' and they don't understand the regulations. He feels if they fully understood they would realize this doesn't mean racing, or outsiders since the county roads won't be open. This will impact locals and then maybe only a handful. He feels these false impressions will have an impact on the survey.

Ted Jackson said penalties will be listed on the back of Department of Licensing renewal forms. He talked about those penalties, accountability, and the serious consequences of violating the laws. He also said if County roads opened it will stimulate local economy.

Chuck Lie said Council meetings should be closed to people outside of town.

Resident Tracy Cotteril said she is not ignorant just because she had not read the whole ordinance. She said houses are so close that there won't be a way to get away from the noise. She appreciated the Council taking the time to look closer at this issue.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Strom moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmembers Martin, Ware, and Hodo, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

  
Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, June 3, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, Strom and Ware. Also present was Chief Casey and Office Manager Denise Beaston.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried. (See note under New Business, item #2)

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen said that the survey relating to all-terrain vehicles will go out the following day, with discussion at the next meeting.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey said there was a report of stolen cars but no suspect information. He talked about trespassing over railroad tracks also reminded people to be safe on SR2.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember talked about microphones for the Council and Mayor Loen said those need to be repaired.

Councilmember Martin said 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West was gorgeous. Mayor Loen said the shoulder still needed to be put in.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Markley Electric. Mayor Loen briefly explained what was being done for electrical repairs for the City Hall. The Council would like more bids. Councilmember Hodo moved to deny using Markley Electric for the work and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

2. Ordinance #663, Subdivisions.

Note: the agenda listed this as a letter from the Chamber of Commerce when it is actually from the State Department of Commerce. When this was noticed, Councilmember Strom moved to amend the agenda to change this wording and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

Mayor Loen explained the letter with comments from the Department of Commerce on the proposed ordinance.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no final Council comments.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve the May 20, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 21041 – 21068, with \$8674.98 for claims and \$19842.87 for payroll, for a total of \$28517.85, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

A 5<sup>th</sup> wheel has been dropped off on Gunn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

 \_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

 \_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, June 17, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, and Ware. Also present were Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

Councilmember Strom notified Mayor Loen of his absence prior to the meeting. Councilmember Martin moved to excuse Councilmember Strom's absence and with a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen had nothing to report.

### **STAFF REPORT**

National Night Out planning includes new things such as a fish tank from the hatchery and new vendors, some of whom will be demonstrating security products.

Director Light said the power company is working on trimming trees. He also said 1<sup>st</sup> Street has issues relating to the recent paving that will be reviewed during the coming week. Decisions on any action will be taken after all information is gathered.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

This is Councilmember Ware's last meeting. Councilmember Martin said she appreciated his presence and he will be hard to replace. He always considers things carefully and knows his numbers.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Steven Fore felt the recent survey did not have enough information. He had handouts and discussed those.

Les Ware talked about the enjoyment his family gets out of using their ATVs, how they are legal in Okanogan, driven on streets there, and have no issues. He also pointed out they are easier on gas, are legal, and keep kids out of trouble.

Olaf Erickson asked the council where the vehicles would run. Councilmember Hodo said the current ordinance had no restrictions other than city limits. Erickson felt police would have to be in place all the time and talked the stop sign at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Lewis.

Chuck Lie talked about how ORVs could be souped up and how Gold Bar would end up like Seattle. He also talked about running stop signs and the response times of deputies.

Steve Bush talked about a handout regarding survey responses. He also responded to comments and licensing requirements.

Bobby Stilwater talked about safety statistics and how those are related to trail riding and not vehicles licensed for street use.

Sarah McGinnis questioned the financial motivation and is not sure there will be financial gain in the city itself.

Nicole Johannes said vehicles have to be licensed, are required to have insurance, and that anyone who's going to pay for that will be responsible. She also talked about the lack of things for kids to do.

Chief Casey talked about response times. He said a small percentage of people do not have faith in law enforcement, but he is absolutely committed to providing excellent service. If people don't have faith he wants to hear why so things can be fixed. Regarding response times, deputies do what they can but he can't promise they will get there fast. He reminded people that with cars, someone might not be caught, but with ATVs the deputies don't have to see them and only need the information. He also pointed out that Sultan is not having any issues.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. National Night Out is the same date as the council meeting. Mayor Loen suggested changing the meeting date. After discussion, Councilmember Hodo moved to change the Gold Bar Council meeting of August 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Mayor Loen called for a vote and the motion carried, with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

2. A letter of intent to participate in the Snohomish County Drug Task Force was presented for approval. Councilmember Ware moved to accept the letter of intent as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

3. Ordinance #663 relating to subdivisions was presented for a second reading. Mayor Loen said the draft cannot be acted upon until the sixty days required by the Department of Commerce has passed, but adoption of a second reading would be appropriate. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #663 relating to subdivisions for a second reading. With a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

4. Mayor Loen presented the results of the recent survey relating to MRV use. Of those returned, the final tally showed seventy six opposed and fifty seven in favor.

5. Ordinance #664 relating to MRV use on city streets was presented for a second reading and action. It was presented for both because of the length of time the draft has been considered. Councilmember Hodo

moved to reject Ordinance #664 relating to Motorized Recreational Vehicle use on city streets. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried, with Councilmember Martin opposed.

6. The Department of Corrections contract relating to prison work crews was presented for action. Councilmember Ware moved to accept the contract as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Hodo mentioned the microphone issue. Mayor Loen has not been able to research this yet. Councilmember Palmer offered to take this project on.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve the June 3, 2014 minutes as presented. With a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Palmer moved to accept vouchers 21069 – 21098, with \$18,805.49 for claims and \$2,800.00 for payroll, for a total of \$21,605.49, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Leroy Kramer asked about cutting grass on street shoulders. Mayor Loen said this is work the inmate crew will do.

Olaf Erickson asked about MRVs and if that was still going. Mayor Loen told him the Council had rejected that.

Dorothy Crowshaw said the city looks wonderful and the cleanup is nice.

Steven Fore talked about the recent street paving. Mayor Loen reminded him again that inspectors will be coming out this week.

Councilmember Hodo said someone would look at the paving on Thursday and then there will be a meeting to find out what the city will do.

Steve Bush said regarding ATVs people might want to talk more. He said if the County makes such uses legal then the city has to revisit the issue. In the meantime he felt both sides should get their information out to the public.

Nicole Johannes said a lot of people didn't know about the survey in their mail. Mayor Loen said the city advertised the survey and posted it on the website.

Steve Bush asked about signage coming in to town and if things like the survey could be posted there. This led to a brief discussion about signs.

Olaf Erickson wanted to know the benefit to having ATVs in town and wanted specifics about financial benefits.

Clerk Stowe reminded those present that the MRV issue was done, the Council had acted on it, each person had spoken at least once on the issue, and it was time to move on to the remainder of the agenda.

Councilmember Hodo reminded the audience that MRV use had been rejected.

Councilmember Martin said the Sultan school district received a grant for a reader board and since this is the same school district, maybe use could be shared. Councilmember Ware wondered about obtaining a two-sided sign. Mayor Loen will talk to the Sultan School District.

Bobby Stilwater said he needs one more load of gravel and wanted the council to approve that. Mayor Loen said that would have to be on the next agenda.

Councilmember Ware asked for follow-up on the stolen car mentioned in the previous minutes. Chief Casey had no additional information.

Nicole Johannes talked about a large puddle over a power box. Director Light will look at that and possibly bring in the PUD since it is most likely their issue.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 1, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen reminded people of the upcoming ~~Sultan Shindig~~ <sup>6/5/14</sup> then updated the Council on the microphone issue. After reviewing the problems, it is apparent a sound person will need to look at the system. She also updated the Council on the reader board questions, saying she is researching grants.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about recent assaults and resulting arrests as well as a speeding motorcyclist. The Sheriff Deputies elected to not engage in a high speed chase with the motorcyclist because of safety concerns. However, they are searching for the person and assume he is a local because of his knowledge of back roads.

Chief Casey reminded those present of the upcoming National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup> and how this event will have new activities.

July 4<sup>th</sup> will have a second deputy on duty from 2:00 pm until midnight, unless he has to respond to any emergency call. The goal will be to enforce fireworks laws and avoid a repeat of last year.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hodo had information on bids for electrical work. Because his information potentially needed council action rather than a simple presentation of information, Councilmember Hodo moved to amend the agenda to include electrical bids under New Business. With a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried and Mayor Loen added the item to the agenda.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Resident Jay Prueher appealed to the Council to reconsider recent action on motorized recreational vehicles (MRVs). He said many people did not respond to the recent survey, including him. He talked about how people already break laws in town and so he feels there would be no change if MRVs were allowed. He then said he found it hard to believe no one could see the benefit of allowing such use.

Resident Ray Coleman talked about the proposed Mooring Park. Because that is an agenda item, he was asked to save the discussion until that agenda item was raised.

Resident Susan Forbes talked about watching a woman in a golf cart riding with a child with no helmet and no seat belt. She felt if there were going to be rules they needed to be enforced.

Resident Joe Beavers said there are laws in place regarding MRV use and that if Ms. Forbes had been able to obtain a video, for example, the deputies would be able to write a citation under current law. This can happen even if the city did not pass the MRV use ordinance.

Councilmember Palmer said he had also seen similar use and felt that approving the ordinance would mean approving the behavior.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. US 2 Crosswalk. Mayor Loen asked the Council to prioritize the points of discussion listed under 'new business' in order to give her direction on which projects to research first. This included the possibility of installing some sort of crosswalk. The idea of a crosswalk led to discussion including types of crosswalks that could be utilized for US 2, possible locations, and what agencies should be involved in the process. There was also talk about grants and how Community Transit would possibly match grant funds.

2. Mooring Park Development. Resident Ray Coleman said he wasn't sure about the proposed name, and gave a history of the lots in question to demonstrate that. He suggested calling it Volunteer Park since volunteers have maintained that location. He gave information on the parcels and how the lower parcel is a separate lot and talked about impact fees.

Mayor Loen said she would like to see a basketball court in one section and picnic tables in the area where there are more trees. This led to discussion about the limited activities in the city for youth.

Councilmember Strom clarified that at this point Mayor Loen was simply looking for information from the Council on prioritizing these projects rather than seeking decisions. He felt Volunteer Park should be a priority.

3. Activity Center. The city already has a building by the fire department that could be used. Mayor Loen talked about how this could be used for community events and how students could do the work as volunteers for school credit. There was discussion around the size of the building, how it has a bathroom, who would be in charge, if a volunteer coordinator would be used and what sort of activities might happen there. Mayor Loen offered to lead this but Councilmember Hodo said he would be against that as she had so many other duties already.

Elizabeth Araitia (sp?) said she would be willing to volunteer if she was paid for it.

Clerk Stowe said that items to be considered would include whether the city would charge a minimal usage fee, what insurance requirements there might be because of it being city property, and that someone

would need to track activities to avoid conflicts and to make sure the city approved of the usages under insurance requirements. Mayor Loen will check with the Association of Washington Cities for more information.

4. Prospector Park Development. This was touched on during the discussion around Volunteer Park and it was agreed that Volunteer Park would be a higher priority. Location of this proposed park near Well 3 was clarified.

5. Bids for electrical work. Councilmember Hodo originally felt the bid of \$1500 for work to place lighting on the flag, repair the water fountain, and replace lights outside the city hall was too high. He researched other contractors and found that their bids were much higher. As a result, Councilmember Hodo moved to approve \$1500 for electrical work and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Hodo asked if there had been any volunteers for the open council position. Mayor Loen is researching the process.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Clerk Stowe presented two corrections that Councilmember Martin found. Councilmember Hodo then moved to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2014 minutes as amended and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 21099 – 21128, with \$86,026.92 for claims and \$16,781.84 for payroll, for a total of \$102,808.76, as presented. With a second by Councilmembers Hodo and Palmer, the motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Elizabeth Araitia wanted to know how to find the city's website. She also asked about the vouchers. Mayor Loen gave her the website address and told her vouchers included the payment to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department for police services. Ms. Araitia then said she had not been able to find the city's budget on the website. Mayor Loen told her the budget could be found under city ordinances.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmembers Strom and Hodo, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

# City of Gold Bar

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 15, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen said 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. West was looked at by engineers and the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT will bring topsoil to blend in the yards of residents, and will re-seed the area.

The Moore family is hosting a fundraiser for their ill child. It will be at the SR2 park, will include a small car show, vendors, and fun things for kids, with funds going toward hospital bills.

Gold Dust Days will be July 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. The annual event keeps getting better so Mayor Loen encouraged people to come enjoy themselves.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey said August 5<sup>th</sup> will be National Night Out. There won't be a helicopter due to budget issues but a deputy is working on alternatives. There are new events this year and more things for kids to have fun with.

Clerk Stowe reminded people that the regularly scheduled August 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be held August 4<sup>th</sup> instead due to National Night Out.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Martin said the new paint striping looked nice. Mayor Loen said the school will be next, then 1<sup>st</sup> Street speed bumps. She is still waiting on a schedule for prison work release inmates and when they arrive they will work on Gunn Road and clearing some park areas.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Resident Joe Beavers talked about Gold Dust Days. He has posters available to hand out and also has raffle tickets to sell.

Resident Eric Bynum complained to the Council regarding the enforcement of fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He gave a formal request that the Council reconsider the fireworks ordinance, and talked about how enforcement did not seem equitable or fairly enforced, and the difficulty of boundaries between city limits and Snohomish County, where fireworks are allowed.

Resident Susan Forbes thanked the city for enforcing laws this year.

Resident Glenrose Williams said it was the quietest 4<sup>th</sup> she'd ever encountered and resident Dorothy Crowshaw agreed, as did Councilmember Hodo.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution #14-15, Gold Dust Days, was presented for action. The resolution has been updated to mesh with new ordinances but is essentially the same. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Resolution 14-05 relating to Gold Dust Days as presented and with a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

2. Resolution #14-06, National Night Out, was presented for action. This resolution has also been updated to reflect changes in dates and ordinances. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Resolution #14-06 relating to National Night Out as presented and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

3. Resolution #14-07, LGIP, was presented for action. This resolution is the same as last year with the exception of updating the Mayor's name. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Resolution #14-07 relating to the Local Government Investment Pool as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried. Councilmember Strom asked what the specific amount of funds involved in LGIP was, and Mayor Loen will research this for the next meeting.

4. ILA HUD Development Agreement. This re-establishes an interlocal that allows the city to apply for grants for urban development. Councilmember Martin moved to approve entering into the new amendment for the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County Housing and Urban Development and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Strom said he was able to breathe on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Councilmember Palmer also appreciated the changes.

Councilmember Hodo would like to find out about installing a three way stop sign on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Smeltzer. Mayor Loen will research this.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the July 1, 2014 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 21129 – 21130, and 30001 – 30023 (*note: a new numbering system was started with these vouchers, as a result of switching to the new bank*), with \$8,087.08 for claims and \$6,288.91 for payroll, for a total of \$14,375.99, as presented. With a second by Councilmembers Palmer the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Resident Eric Bynum clarified he is not opposed to the fireworks ordinance and was not actually aware of the ordinance. His comments previously were related to enforcement. He said enforcement appeared to reduce, but not eliminate fireworks, and he was looking for fair application of the laws. Mayor Loen said there was only one officer for the city but that she understood his point.

Chief Casey then talked about how, because of being the only officer for the city, he had to establish priorities, which included stopping clearly illegal fireworks first, followed by safe and sane fireworks. He chose to give warnings on first contact, and tickets if he had to go back. One difficulty was in determining where fireworks originated. Some started on the County side of streets. He will probably do the same things next year but is happy to hear suggestions from people. He said because of budget issues it may be difficult to have more than one officer present. Councilmember Palmer felt he had been effective. Councilmember Martin said this is a whole culture change involving education.

Resident Paul Jones met Chief Casey on the 4<sup>th</sup> and asked what it would take to overturn the current fireworks ban. Mayor Loen said he could ask the Council or consider doing a petition. Jones pointed out the issue of having neighbors where one is in the County and the other is in the City, so one can do fireworks but the other can't. He agreed that parameters are needed, with things like a cutoff time. But he felt there could be compassion shown to those people only wanting to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Resident Dorothy Crowshaw said she has never seen a council overturn the ban on fireworks and if a vote was done she feels it would show a majority of people won't want that overturned. She also felt tickets should be issued rather than warnings. Chief Casey talked about how warnings are given for everything from speeding to fireworks and it is the officer's discretion unless a specific code mandates no warning. He said since the fireworks ordinance had not been enforced for years, it was his decision to start with warnings and he believed that was the right choice to make.

Councilmember Palmer said his biggest issue with fireworks is the chance of fire.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmembers Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

 \_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

 \_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, August 4, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Chief Casey and Office Manager Beaston.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Resident Paul Jones submitted a letter of interest and qualifications for the open council position. After Council discussion, Office Manager Beaston administered the Oath of Office to Paul Jones, who then took his seat as Councilmember in position #5.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen had nothing to report.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey said theft is up in the area. An electronic device was tracked and recovered and arrests were made. Problems at the Sultan Shindig and ID theft have also been linked to this property.

Office Manager Beaston reminded those present that utility billing payments are due on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hodo talked about the possibility of a pedestrian crosswalk on SR2. He also asked if the Council would volunteer to head up projects so as to help Mayor Loen.

Councilmember Martin thanked resident Joe Beavers and all those involved in Gold Dust Days.

Councilmember Jones thanked the Council for his appointment.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution #14-08, Unpaid Religious Holidays was presented for action. After discussion, Councilmember Strom moved to accept the resolution as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Palmer said he was willing to oversee the community center project. Mayor Loen was waiting until school starts to see if kids would like to help decorate.

Councilmember Palmer also talked about the state of the gazebo at the SR2 park. Mayor Loen will talk to the Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Jones asked where the crosswalk would be and mentioned ADA as a good source if DOT doesn't help.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the July 15, 2014 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

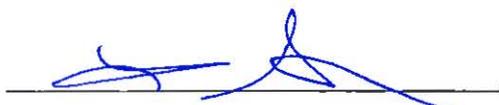
Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 30024 - 30059 with \$102,173.13 for claims and \$15,812.95 for payroll, for a total of \$117,986.08, as presented. With a second by Councilmembers Hodo the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

 \_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

 \_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

# Agenda

## CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

7:00 PM

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA APPROVAL

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE #663, SUBDIVISIONS, ACTION
2. 2014 SIDEWALK FUNDING APPLICATION
3. ANNUAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL (IACC) CONFERENCE
4. 1-TON P/U TRUCK CHECK APPROVAL - \$3,024.40

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES APPROVAL

August 4, 2014

VOUCHER APPROVAL	CHECKS	# 30060-30086	TOTAL \$ 22,568.32
	CLAIMS \$ 15,695.82	PAYROLL \$ 6,872.50	

CITIZEN COMMENTS SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, August 19, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen informed the council of an upcoming Short Course on Local Planning training. She will look into locations and whether this can be done online.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey said National Night Out was a lot of fun and Deputy Griner did a great job organizing the event and finding new activities. In other news a burglar was caught and the department is keeping busy.

Director Light talked about a recent water break on 1<sup>st</sup> and Grand and the difficulty in locating it due to being under asphalt. He had to bring in assistance from Evergreen Rural Water, and also had to purchase a cut-off saw for the emergency. Fixing the leak should help with water efficiency. Mayor Loen gave permission for the purchase of the saw which also means the city now has the tools it needs for future emergencies.

Director Light will be gone for personal issues and back to work after the holiday.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Palmer has been talking to the Volunteers of America regarding assistance with the community center.

Councilmember Martin echoed Sgt. Casey regarding how nice National Night Out was. She also talked about Smart 911, which is a program that allows people to store information in case of emergencies. She recommended people go to [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com).

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Leroy Kramer asked about Gunn Road maintenance. Mayor Loen has had no luck in getting the prison crews. She is waiting on an estimate for a person to do the maintenance. Director Light suggested getting an estimate for just Gunn Road and then asking the person how soon he could do the work once the Council approves the estimate.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #663, Subdivisions. This ordinance was reviewed by the Department of Commerce with no comments. It is now up for action. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #663 relating to subdivisions as presented and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

2. 2014 Sidewalk Funding Application. There is a grant opportunity for the construction of a sidewalk to run down 5<sup>th</sup> Street to SR2. There was discussion around the city match of 25% or roughly \$27,500, the availability of that amount in funds, the timeline of the work to be done in 2015, the placement of a crosswalk, safety improvements as a result of the work, and storm drains. Councilmember Strom moved to approve the application and to give Mayor Loen authorization to sign page two, with a match up to \$27,500, and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion. Councilmember Martin asked if the crosswalk hadn't been done recently and Director Light said it is deteriorating. Councilmember Strom then moved to amend his motion to include authorizing Mayor Loen to also sign the commitment form and Councilmember Hodo seconded the amendment. With no further discussion a vote was called for and the motion carried.

3. Annual Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) Conference. Mayor Loen would like to attend this conference for upcoming grant projects, with Director Light. The conference is in Wenatchee, September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilmember Hodo moved to appropriate money for the conference, including a hotel, and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion. Councilmember Martin asked if there would be scholarships available and Mayor Loen is looking into that. With no further discussion a vote was called for and the motion carried.

4. 1-ton Pickup Check Approval. The water truck had brakes go out and an emergency repair was done. This included other work since the truck was there, and the Council received a detailed list of things done. Mayor Loen asked the Council to approve cutting a check to pay Wagley Creek rather than the company having to wait until the next Council meeting. Councilmember Hodo moved to authorize cutting a check in the amount of \$3,024.40 and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Councilmember Jones asked who was responsible for regular maintenance, noting that some fluids were low. Director Light said his department was and he would make sure there was more responsibility. This led to discussion on maintenance schedules in general until Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that a motion was on the table and discussion had to be on the motion only. Mayor Loen then called for a vote and the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Loen said that the upcoming Water Comprehensive Plan had a recommendation to replace the truck and Director Light said this would come up during the budget process.

Councilmember Strom said preventative maintenance was a good strategy and Mayor Loen would like to see that expanded to other types of maintenance tasks and schedules.

Councilmember Strom asked about the status of microphones. Councilmember Palmer said a new PA system was needed and wondered if the Council could get by without it because of the number of people

who attend the meetings. While Councilmember Strom does not like spending money, he does feel that a PA system was important for public record and that it is also respectful to allow the entire audience to hear business. Councilmember Hodo is also in favor of this and offered to look into this more. Mayor Loen will also research this.

Councilmember Hodo has done some research on the issue of a SR2 crosswalk and while the Department of Transportation has no more funds for this year, they offered to help the city find funding if they had detailed information. Director Light will assist with this after his trip.

Mayor Loen said the community garden in front of the City Hall has a lot of tomatoes and other plants ready for harvesting and it's available to anyone.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the minutes to change the date from 'Tuesday' to 'Monday' and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 30060 - 30086 with \$15,695.82 for claims and \$6,872.50 for payroll, for a total of \$22,568.32, as presented. With a second by Councilmembers Hodo the motion carried. Councilmember Strom said that the funds are close to the projected budget and he is happy with how well staff does remaining in budget.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Strom moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

 \_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

 \_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, September 2, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Office Manager Beaston.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen talked about the retention pond. Monroe did not seem interested and suggested private sources. Two estimates were in Council packets.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Office Manager Beaston asked those present to remind neighbors and friends to secure dogs, especially during thunder and lightning like the recent storm.

Mayor Loen said that Officer Griner caught three cars that were flying down the centerlane.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hodo talked about microphones, lighting, temporary staff, and that he talked to community transit. There are community transit grants and someone will get back to him.

Councilmember Strom would like preventative maintenance and talked about maintenance bills.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers talked about the proposed crosswalk and a safety crosswalk island.

Jay Prueher thanked Director Light for coming out and looking at his issue.

Steve Fore talked about a water meter and electric box underwater after the heavy rain. There was discussion around his belief that the city has 'blown him off' and his request for council assistance.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Internet for shop to perform water tasks. Councilmember Strom moved to approve the contract with Frontier for internet services at the shop and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

2. Retention pond cleaning estimates. Councilmember Hodo moved to allow Mayor Loen to choose which company to use and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

3. Sky Valley Excavation and Rockeries list. Grading and mowing of tank road costs would come out of the REET fund. There was further discussion around grading and mowing including Gunn Road. Councilmember Strom moved to approve the four main items with sweeping addressed at the next Council meeting, and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Jones thanked citizens for coming to the meeting and letting the council know what needs fixing.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2014 Council meeting as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 30087 - 30110 with \$13,142.51 for claims and \$9,031.70 for payroll, for a total of \$22,174.21, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, September 16, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen said work began on Gunn Road. Regarding 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West and Timber Lane, the County will be meeting with the city around the beginning of October.

The budget process will start with the next Council meeting.

Vehicles now have maintenance logs in them and Mayor Loen hopes to also start maintenance logs for buildings and wells.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey and deputies have been busy with thefts and stolen cars that are showing up in Gold Bar.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There were no council comments.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Steve Fore talked about water run-off.

Councilmember Hodo said Pace Engineering reviewed the area and asked if there was a written report from them. Mayor Loen said there was. She also said another engineering company could be called out for review.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Maintenance Hire. The Council talked about hiring Tim Shiers permanently. Pay rates were discussed as well as benefits. Councilmember Hodo moved to approve hiring Tim Shiers and with a second by both Councilmembers Martin and Strom, the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Loen said that while an engineer gave reports to the city, the county, and the Department of Transportation, she will look at getting another opinion.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin pointed out that 'centerline' should read 'center lane'.

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2014 Council meeting as amended and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 30111 - 30140 with \$100,882.62 for claims and \$12,124.81 for payroll, for a total of \$113,007.43, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried. Councilmember Strom pointed out that a little over \$70,000 of claims included the annual payment to USDA.

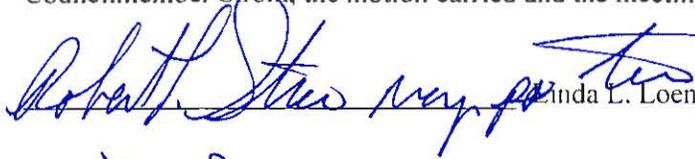
**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Steve Fore talked about water issues again. He then also talked about ORV use.

Ray Coleman talked about maintenance for retention ponds and problems with cut grass being tossed into streets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business. Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

 Linda L. Loen, Mayor

 Lisa Stowe, Clerk

# Agenda

## CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 7, 2014  
7:00 PM  
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA APPROVAL

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. BUDGET REVENUE PRESENTATION

2.

3.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES APPROVAL

September 16, 2014

VOUCHER APPROVAL

CHECKS

# 30141-30172

TOTAL \$39,621.79

CLAIMS \$21,604.50

PAYROLL \$18,017.29

CITIZEN COMMENTS SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 7, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Strom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, and Palmer. Also present were Clerk Stowe and acting Treasurer Harry Oestereich.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Strom is available until Mayor Loen returns. He said the Department of Ecology is going to evaluate 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West.

### STAFF REPORT

There were no staff reports.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

### OLD BUSINESS - None

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Revenue Presentation. Harry Oestereich presented graphs on revenue in preparation for next year's budget. The presentation included types of funds, types of revenue, changes in revenue over the past years, trends in revenue, and projections for future revenue. He also talked about potential risks if revenue declines, and ways to increase revenue.

Councilmember Hodo talked about the potential need to raise rates to cover recommendations in the water comprehensive plan. This would be something to discuss with Public Works Director Light when he returns to work. Oestereich hopes to have figures for the November meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Strom said that looking at water rates will probably be quite a project.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no final comments.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the minutes of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

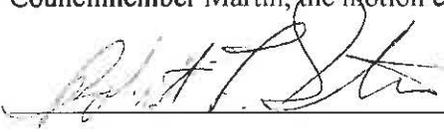
Councilmember Palmer moved to accept vouchers 30141 - 30172 with \$21,604.50 for claims and \$18,017.29 for payroll, for a total of \$39,621.79, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

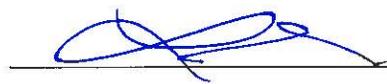
**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

 \_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor 

 \_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 21, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro-Tem Strom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Jones and Martin. Also present was Clerk Stowe.

Former mayor Joe Beavers informed the Council that a Mayor Pro-tem does not lose Council privileges by acting as Mayor and because of this a quorum was established.

Councilmember Martin moved to excuse Councilmember Hodo's absence and with a second by Councilmember Jones the motion carried.

Councilmember Martin moved to excuse Councilmember Palmer's absence and with a second by Councilmember Jones the motion carried.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Jones moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Strom met with former mayor Joe Beavers and a representative from the Department of Ecology (DOE) to review 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West. DOE suggested speed bumps to redirect stormwater flow. Mayor Pro-Tem Strom will talk to Mayor Loen about these suggestions.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey talked about progress on auto thefts and recoveries. He also talked about nuisance properties and progress there. He will be starting the selection process for filling Deputy Ross's position.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There were no Council comments.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #667, Business Licenses. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #667 relating to amending the business license code for a first reading and introduction. With a second by Councilmember Jones the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Martin congratulated Chief Casey on his work regarding the auto thefts.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to accept vouchers 30173 - 30192 with \$40,340.05 for claims and \$11,384.12 for payroll, for a total of \$51,724.17, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Jones the motion carried.

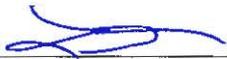
**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, November 4, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Public Works Director John Light and Clerk Stowe.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen talked briefly about the budget and audit, mentioned how glad she was to have the Council to help, and thanked Palmer's company for donating a refrigerator to the city.

### **STAFF REPORT**

There were no staff reports.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hodo talked about a meeting with Department of Transportation regarding park and recreation uses.

Councilmembers welcomed back Mayor Loen, Councilmember Palmer, and Public Works Director Light.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Special Meeting Discussion. Mayor Loen and Councilmembers discussed schedules in order to come up with a date for budget meetings. They agreed on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in council chambers.

2. Ordinance #667 Amending Title 5, Business Licenses, Second Reading. Clerk Stowe asked the Council to table this action in order to make revisions to the draft. Councilmember Martin moved to table action on the second reading and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

3. Resolution #14-09, 2015 Levy. There was a brief discussion around levy certification and property taxes. Councilmember Strom then moved to adopt Resolution #14-09 relating to the 2015 Levy as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

4. BHC Consultants Agreement. Public Works Director Light talked about the need for assistance with plan review on specific applications, the need for a general all-purpose consulting agreement with BHC rather than a specific one for the Comprehensive Plan, and rates borne by the applicant. After brief discussion, Councilmember Hodo moved to give Mayor Loen authority to accept the BHC contract, and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no final Council comments.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Clerk Stowe asked to have the minutes amended to add the word 'stormwater' for flow clarification. Councilmember Strom moved to so amend the minutes and approve them with the amendment, and with a second by Councilmember Jones the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 30193 - 30227 with \$17,389.91 for claims and \$20,180.47 for payroll, for a total of \$37,570.38, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

A man named Fletcher asked brief zoning questions regarding businesses at the location of Artic Refrigeration. Mayor Loen responded and offered city assistance with future questions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Strom, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

 \_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

 \_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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## City of Gold Bar Special Council Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, and Strom, who arrived a few moments late. Also present were Treasurer Oestreich, Public Works Director Light, and Office Manager Beaston.

Councilmember Martin moved to excuse Councilmember Palmer's absence and with a second by Councilmember Jones the motion carried.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion, 2014 Budget. Treasurer Oestreich talked about the adoption of the original 2014 budget and that the revenue projections at that time were lower than what actually came in. He also discussed interfund transfers, loan payments, updates to the chart of accounts, debt service payment, PERS reimbursements and fund balances. He also talked about the timeline for when this needed to be adopted in order to have time to adopt the 2015 budget in the time required.

2. Discussion, 2015 Budget. Discussion included payroll, payroll benefits, property tax revenue and assessment, what impacts property values, personnel titles, the creation of an assistant position, councilmember compensation, salary steps, percentage differences, how long it's been since staff received cost of living increases, the importance of pay in impacting the quality of employees hired, the difficulty in finding comparisons in pay for Denise Beaston's position because she does such a varied list of tasks, utilities and utility payments, water mains and usage, and what needs to be covered in coming meetings.

### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Comments dealt with the format for upcoming meetings, the process for budget adoption, and the fear of putting the public to sleep.

**FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business on the agenda for the special meeting, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Jones, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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City of Gold Bar  
Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, November 18, 2014

## **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Public Works Director John Light, Treasurer Harry Oestreich, and Clerk Stowe.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the amended agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Loen talked briefly about resources that were given to the Council at the last special meeting.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Sgt. Casey reminded people that the season of depression is coming up and asked people to keep an eye on friends and neighbors and to call 911 for help if needed.

Director Light spoke about the water comprehensive plan.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There were no council comments.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Leroy Kramer thanked the council for taking care of brush on Gunn Road but asked when the dirt and rocks would be cleaned. Councilmember Jones asked if that cleanup hadn't been part of the initial agreement with those who did the work and Mayor Loen will research that.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. SAO Entrance Document. The State Auditor's Office sent a standard entrance document regarding the recent audit and associated cost. The document will be available on the city's website.

2. Ordinance #667 Amending Title 5, Business Licenses, Second Reading. Clerk Stowe explained revisions. Councilmember Strom moved to accept Ordinance #667 amending Title 5, Business Licenses, for a second reading and with a second by Councilmember Jones the motion carried.

3. Ordinance #668 Amending the 2014 Budget. Harry Oestreich discussed amending the budget. Councilmember Strom asked if these were the figures discussed at the last special meeting and Oestreich said they were. Councilmember Hodo then moved to accept Ordinance #668, 2014 Amended Budget, for an introduction, and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

4. Ordinance #669, 2015 Budget. Harry Oestreich reviewed figures for the 2015 budget. Councilmember Strom said the figures he had were not the same. The Council had a version done the day before rather than the most current version and Oestreich apologized for that oversight. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #669 relating to the 2015 budget for an introduction and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

5. Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services. Chief Casey explained the reasons for increases and discussion included heroin use, new federal regulations, and treatment. After discussion Councilmember Strom moved to approve entering into the Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

6. Amended Contract Extension. A contract extending services from Harry Oestreich was presented for action. After review Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the amended contract extension for Harry Oestreich and with a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to approve the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 30228 through 30243 and 30245 through 30246, with \$8,722.82 for claims and \$2,000 for payroll, for a total of \$10,722.82, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried. Check 30244 was voided due to an incorrect amount.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

# City of Gold Bar

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## City of Gold Bar Special Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 24, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, and Palmer. Also present were Treasurer Oestreich and Clerk Stowe.

Councilmember Martin moved to excuse Councilmember Strom's absence and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #668, 2014 Amended Budget. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #668 relating to amending the 2014 budget for a first reading. With a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

2. Ordinance #669, 2015 Budget. There was a great deal of discussion around the proposed budget. Oestreich presented figures and talked about revisions from the previous week's figures, capital expenditures, capital improvements and repairs that would be needed in the coming year, water rates and the potential need to increase them, the housing market in relation to revenue for the city, increases in solid waste fees from the carrier, beginning and ending fund balances, grant obligations, street expenses, the need to research other streams of revenue, and salaries.

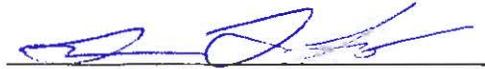
Salaries led to a great deal of discussion. Councilmembers felt staff go above and beyond their duties and would like to recognize that, but felt that need had to be balanced against the health of the city's finances. Councilmembers talked about how an increase in the cost of living percentage would impact funds, the costs of benefits, and the need for more employees. They also talked about what the increased cost would be if current staff had to be replaced. Councilmembers decided to revisit salaries mid-year when there was a better sense of how the city was doing financially and that if needed, there could be an increase in wages through the resolution process at that time.

After discussion on salaries, there was further discussion around stormwater and recycling funds, and if the city could afford to sponsor a hazardous materials cleanup day for residents. They also discussed capital equipment purchases anticipated for the coming year and clarified that approval of the list simply constituted approval of the intent to complete projects and purchase equipment. Director Light will still come to the Council for final approval for actual projects.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #669 relating to the budget for 2015 for a first reading. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business on the agenda for the special meeting, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, December 2, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Martin, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the amended agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen reminded everyone of the tree lighting ceremony on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### STAFF REPORT

Sgt. Casey continues to work with property owners regarding cleaning the places up.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin will not be at the December 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #667 was presented for action. Councilmember Strom moved to adopt Ordinance #667 relating to amending Title 5, Business Licenses, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

2. Ordinance #668 was presented for action. Councilmember Strom moved to adopt Ordinance #668 relating to amending the 2014 budget as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

3. Ordinance #669 was presented for action. Councilmember Martin moved to adopt Ordinance #669 relating to the 2015 budget as presented. With a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Strom said it was nice to not spend Christmas working on the budget.

Councilmember Hodo received a letter from the Department of Transportation (DOT), that thanked the city for their patience, and said DOT is working on responses to the city's questions.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Clerk Stowe pointed out that she had misspelled Harry Oestreich's name and asked that the minutes be amended to correct that spelling.

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council minutes as amended and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 30247 through 30275, with \$121,583.59 for claims and \$21,631.36 for payroll, for a total of \$143,214.95, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Jones the motion carried. Councilmember Strom clarified that a large portion of the claims amount consisted of pass-through grant funds.

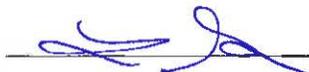
**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Glenrose Williams asked what time the tree lighting ceremony would take place. Mayor Loen was not sure but would find out and post the time on the city's website. Posters will be made that will also have that information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Strom moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

  
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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, December 16, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Hodo, Jones, Palmer, and Strom. Also present were Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Hodo moved to excuse Councilmember Martin's absence and with a second by Councilmember Strom the motion carried.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Strom moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

As this is the last council meeting of 2014, Mayor Loen said she was thankful for the Council tolerating her errors as she learns the job.

### STAFF REPORT

Sgt. Casey mentioned an arrest for identity theft, but said there wasn't much to report.

Director Light said the water comprehensive plan will be on the next meeting's agenda. He also talked about working on conditional use permits and how they relate to marijuana businesses. The city's comprehensive plan has a small grant to assist with the work, and Director Light asked if the council had any objections to using BHC Consultants to take on more of this project since Director Light is overwhelmed. He would like to research what it would cost to have them adjust their existing scope of work to take on these additional tasks. The Council had no objection to researching those questions and Director Light should have information by the next meeting. Councilmember Strom said it also might be helpful to see the grant deadlines and Director Light will have that information as well.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hodo, the mayor, and staff met with Pace Engineering regarding the water comprehensive plan. Pace will put figures together so at the next meeting councilmembers should be able to have all the figures for approving sending the plan off to the Department of Health.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Leroy Kramer asked about cleaning up gravel on Gunn Road. Director Light said the city will be doing blade work that he feels will work better than the contractor's equipment. Kramer also talked about a

pothole that people speed through and throw more gravel. Kramer mentioned that the street sign for Gunn Road is missing. Mayor Loen will look into replacing that sign and it may take two to three weeks to order the sign. Finally, Kramer asked if there was a maintenance program in place and Mayor Loen said there is, now that there are additional personnel.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #670 amending Title 8 was presented for an introduction and first reading. Councilmember Strom moved to adopt Ordinance #670 relating to amending Title 8, Health and Safety, for a first reading and introduction. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

Discussion then began on the draft. There was a great deal of discussion around the nuisance section. Talking points included whether the city could adopt RCWs by reference, how detailed nuisances had to be, how to enforce nuisances and laws, the assumption that something is allowed if it is not addressed, verbiage, and discussion on specific nuisances.

After discussion, Chief Casey suggested that a councilmember take on amending the draft, and that he and Clerk Stowe would be available to assist. Clerk Stowe then nominated Councilmember Jones and he accepted the task. Councilmembers were encouraged to review the draft and take any proposed changes to either Councilmember Jones or Clerk Stowe.

With no further discussion, the Council returned to the original motion and Mayor Loen called for a vote. All Councilmembers were in favor and the motion carried.

2. Utility Rate Analysis. The Council discussed the pros and cons of having an analysis done. Talking points included the costs involved, the types of analysis, the importance of having one done for future water issues including capital projects, and utility rates in general. Councilmember Hodo moved to go out to bid for estimates on obtaining a utility rate analysis and with a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried. Councilmember Hodo's goal is to have the bid process completed quickly enough that if the Council decides to move forward with the analysis, the work could be completed by the end of the first quarter in 2015. Resident Susan Forbes suggested using Municipal Research Services Small Works roster.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Strom thinks focusing on water is the right place to focus for the city's future.

Mayor Loen thanked everyone who assisted with the tree lighting.

Councilmember Hodo thanked Mayor Loen for the work she has done in her first year and said she has done a good job and he's looking forward to her second year.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to approve the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Special Council minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried with Councilmember Strom abstaining due to his absence during that meeting.

Councilmember Strom moved to approve minutes from the December 2, 2014 Council meeting as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Strom moved to accept vouchers 30276 through 30308, with \$26,809.51 for claims and \$2,200.00 for payroll, for a total of \$29,009.51, as presented. With a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Jones, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

  
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