

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, March 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Diaz, Dum, Hodo, Martin, Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey updated the Council on previous arrests and issues with nuisance properties. He also said Gold Bar will be testing for a new deputy as Deputy Sandt has taken another position.

Director Light is researching grants and loans and it appears the city may be receiving a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant. He met with Darla O'Connor, the city's representative from USDA, for the six-year review. She has agreed to attend the next Council meeting regarding if any funding might be available.

Mayor Loen thanked Clerk Stowe for her timely USDA reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hodo said he may need to be excused at 8:00 pm if the meeting is still going.

Councilmember Dum thanked Director Light and Chief Casey for all they have achieved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Fore quoted the Revised Code of Washington, chapter 35A.12.120 regarding action requiring a quorum vote. He feels Resolution 15-11 was adopted incorrectly because Councilmember Hodo was absent. He then talked about meeting with state representatives, his opinion that the mayor and council do not do their jobs, and that the council ignores the desires of all residents.

At the end of his three minute limit, he wished to continue. Councilmember Diaz moved to allow Steve Fore an additional three minutes and Councilmember Dum seconded the motion. Fore then continued with his previous theme.

At the end of his second three minute period, Clerk Stowe mistakenly said that the motion had not had a vote called for, which it had.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. PUD Feasibility Study. Councilmember Hodo felt the council should give this a lot of thought before 'opening a can of worms that can't be closed'. He felt the city could do their own research. He said Gold Bar's water meets the same health standards as the PUD.

Clerk Stowe reminded the council that research would have to be done regarding the current USDA water loan and how the PUD would handle that. If the PUD did not take on that loan the city might end up defaulting and having to pay the loan back in full.

Councilmember Hodo moved to put off any action until after the visit from the USDA representative and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

2. Department of Corrections Contract. The city previously adopted the interlocal to provide work crews but that interlocal did not include rate changes. Councilmember Hodo moved to give Mayor Loen authority to sign the rate change document and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

3. Ordinance #692 Amending the 2016 Budget. In the 2015 budget the Council approved the purchase of a new truck for the water system. That purchase did not happen before the end of the year. The Council then moved to roll that purchase amount over into the 2016 budget, but by that point the 2016 budget had already been approved. Because of that, an amendment is needed to reflect that action. Councilmember Wallace clarified that the funds to pay for the truck came out of the water fund.

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #692 for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

4. Farmer's Market. Mayor Loen has researched bringing a Farmer's Market to the city. The city would take in revenue from booth rentals but there would also be costs for insurance and Honey Buckets. She said it may be possible to get a tourism grant to build a permanent bathroom in the park for this and other community events. Councilmember Martin said signage is an issue for other community events and would need to be looked at. She felt this sounded positive. Councilmember Hodo said there used to be a market years ago that brought in lots of people and he would be in favor of an investment for this.

Councilmember Hodo then moved to table the Farmer's Market discussion until the next meeting and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

5. Eastside Computer Contract. Clerk Stowe worked with Mike Meyers to revise the previous contract. He removed the clause with the flat monthly fee and returned to an hourly charge as the city currently does. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the contract as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Hodo apologized for his absence at the last meeting. He felt Steve Fore's information regarding representatives was good and suggested if someone had the opportunity to get in touch with representatives or senators, they should.

Councilmember Martin asked if Steve Fore could bring his documentation in a form that she could see. She also said she talks often with Representative Pearson. Fore said he would bring in documentation that she could see.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the February 16th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31220 through 31245, with \$25,069.28 for payroll and \$8,862.25 for claims, for a total of \$33,931.53 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Lie felt that Clerk Stowe was becoming bored with his comments. He talked about the PUD and said he would rather have screwed up bills from the PUD than the way water is now.

Tracy Cotterill also thinks the Council should check with the PUD.

Steve Fore feels the first meeting with the PUD would be under no obligation to the city. He wants people to meet with him and representatives. He wants all citizens to vote and feels Gold Bar should no longer be a city.

ADJOURNMENT

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

 _____, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

 _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

