

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

Present were Councilmembers Diaz, Martin and Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda adding the vouchers, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OPEN COUNCIL POSITION

Mayor Hodo stated that Ken Ware had presented a letter that he is interested in joining the Council. Mayor Hodo spoke in regards to Ken's prior experience as a Council Member. Mayor Hodo called for a motion to approve Ken Ware for Council. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to approve Ken Ware and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Office Manager Beaston administered the Oath of Office to Ken Ware. After the Oath, Councilmember Ware took his seat.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo talked about the AWC meeting that will be held in Granite Falls on April 12, 2016 at 6 o'clock, for new Councilmembers. Councilmember Ware stated that he would try and make it to that meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about the person previously arrested for burglaries and how he had thought that the person was still in custody but was wrong; the person was released a few days prior to that and Chief Casey was not aware of it. Since then there had been a report of another vehicle prowl with property stolen and then sold to another subject. Deputies were able to trace that back to the person previously arrested. That individual was picked up and booked into Snohomish County Jail on those charges and also on a warrant for failing to appear in court after being released the last time. As of this time he is still in custody on two accounts of residential burglary. Chief Casey did say that he had placed on the back table some sheets of paper with a website where citizens can look to see who has been booked into jail.

Chief Casey talked about an incident that took place the previous week where there had been multiple hit and runs on 8th, 9th and Timber Lane, and that subject was not booked. He stated that the juvenile detention center was funded by grants and those grants need to create a booking criteria that matched the state and federal guidelines and so for juveniles to be booked into jail they have to meet that criteria and the young man did not at the time, so they were not able to book him into juvenile detention that night, but they have forwarded the charging request to the prosecutor to review the case and consider filing the case for multiple accounts of hit and run and reckless driving.

Office Manager Beaston stated that she had attended the Farmers Market on Sunday and that it seemed to be going well. Councilmember Ware asked to be filled in on the Farmers Market. Ms. Beaston stated that a resident has started a Farmers Market on Orchard and 5th Street at the park and that they are looking for more vendors. The Farmers Market is open from 9-2 pm on Sundays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin attended a seminar on tourism in Index; the subject was outdoor adventures. She found it to be very inspiring and a little intimidating but there is a lot of possibilities and a lot of work to do, and it's going to spark a lot of discussion and forward thinking. There will be more seminars, with the next one being on the 12th that she will not be able to attend because she will be out of town. However there will be two more after that, which she will attend.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

1. Resolution # 16-01 Finance Committee. Mayor Hodo briefly explained the purpose of the Finance Committee and the reasoning being the resolution and who it consisted of. Councilmember Martin made a motion to approve Resolution 16-01 with Councilmember Wallace seconding the motion. Councilmember Martin had a question on wording within the resolution; a brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Ware made a motion to approve the Resolution 16-01 with amending the wording where it states weekly to bi-weekly; Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Resolution #16-02 Water Rate Assessment for Senior Citizens. Mayor Hodo briefly explained that the increase on the assessment had greatly impacted seniors and is a hardline for them. This resolution would lower the amount for those seniors that met the low income requirements. Some discussion ensued between Councilmembers on the wording within the resolution. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to table Resolution 16-02 until the next council meeting on April 19th. Councilmember Diaz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Resolution #16-03, Transportation Improvement Board, 6yr. Mayor Hodo stated that this resolution is a 6 year resolution but it needs to be approved every year. Councilmember Martin made a motion to approve with Councilmember Wallace seconding the motion. Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and Mayor Hodo. Motion carried to approve.

4. Credit/Debit Reader. Mayor Hodo briefly explained the reasoning for needing a credit/debit card reader in the office. There was a brief discussion between Office Manager Beaston and councilmembers on the fees associated with the credit/debit card reader.

Chief Casey talked about what the county uses and how the county passes the fee onto the citizen so it offsets any fees that would be charged to the county.

Citizen Steve Fore stated he is the owner of Alpine Adventures and he uses the same bank as the city and the fees that are listed are quite reasonable. Mr. Fore stated that it's possible that the city can add a fee to the service to cover any cost, the only difficulty that he could see is that for Denise to know how the card qualifies and the fees that would be associated to the transaction.

5. PUD Water Feasibility Study. Mayor Hodo stated that Councilmember Wallace wanted the discussion on this item because there never had been any decision made. Councilmember Wallace stated that every person that he has talked to outside of people that come here to testify, not one person has been in favor of going to PUD that he has talked to. He wished that there would be a larger swath of the 600 to 700 people that are being affected by the fees, himself included, but like a councilmember had said before, no one shows up to the meetings. He had hoped that more people would attend after getting their first bill with the new rate. Much discussion ensued between the

councilmembers and Mayor Hodo. Mayor Hodo stated that if the council wanted to invite the PUD out then they could do so, or they could choose to do away with the discussion all together and go on with something else. More discussion ensued in regards to arsenic and well 4.

Mayor Hodo asked for a motion to do away with the feasibility study or to do it, either way it was up to council. Councilmember Diaz made a motion to do away with the feasibility study with Councilmember Martin seconding it. Councilmember Ware talked about it being something that can be revisited maybe in the future. Motion carried to do away with the feasibility study.

6. Cleaning of the upper tank and replacement of vent on top. Mayor Hodo stated it had been a couple years since the cleaning had been done and he briefly described what it entailed. Much discussion ensued. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to approve the cleaning of the tank with Councilmember Ware seconding the motion. Motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Diaz wanted to answer Steve Fore question from the last meeting on the concentration of the water and explained how the math should be done to get the correct concentration. Citizen Steven Fore responded to Councilmember Diaz's statement.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the March 15th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31273 through 31310, for a total of \$38,390.76 of which claims are \$23,279.11 and payroll \$15,111.65 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS -

Steven Fore stated that he sees a lot of good and some not so good. He talked in length about the people who attend and what they have wanted to see and that he feels they are being blown off. He went on to state that the Water Comp Plan is not correct and the water is not good.

Joanne Price asked how many tanks the city is using and if they are both in need of cleaning. Mayor Hodo stated that we are using two and that only one needed cleaning. Joanne went on to talk about the summer consumption and the need to raise it due to people who grow gardens. Councilmember Diaz stated that it will be talked about at the next meeting.

Councilmember Martin addressed the usage and that it is not been written in stone. Some discussion ensued.

Councilmember Diaz made a motion to put water usage allowance on the next council agenda with Councilmember Wallace seconding the motion. Brief discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Brook Aldrich from the apartments down on Croft Avenue West asked about pipe size. Office Manager Beaston briefly explained the meter sizes and the bills and asked for Mr. Aldrich to come into city hall so that she may go over his bill with him. Discussion ensued.

Chuck Lie stated that appreciated both Kendall and Diaz and that Ware came back. He was disappointed that he has not gotten his questions answered and that council has not followed through with what the citizens who have attended wanted.

Sharron Williams stated that she is a registered nurse and she thanked Lee for listening to her on the scrubber and that getting it would be 'bitchen'. She would like to see the feasibility study done since it's free. She presented information on arsenic.

Vickie McDaniel welcomed council and asked about getting a USDA loan for the scrubber and if the city is able to get another USDA loan since we currently have one. Mayor Hodo stated that you could have as many USDA loans as you can pay back. He continued by going over some of the projects that are currently being worked on.

Councilmember Ware talked about the arsenic in the wells and since listening to the citizens he has had a reversal in his decision and believes that we really need to have the feasibility study done. Mayor Hodo stated that even though the agenda was already over, he sees no reason why council could not invite Mr. Woods from PUD out to a council meeting. Much discussion ensued.

Councilmember Wallace made a motion to have PUD do the first free part of the feasibility study; Councilmember Ware seconded the motion. Much discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Mayor Hodo asked for a motion to allow him to formally invite Mr. Woods from PUD out for the council meeting that will be held on the 19th. Councilmember Diaz made a motion with Councilmember Ware seconding the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Ware moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

 , Lee Hodo, Mayor

 , Lisa Stowe, Clerk