

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

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

COUNCIL POSITIONS

Resident John Dawson submitted a letter of interest in the open council position. Councilmember Wallace moved to appoint John Dawson to Council position #1 and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Clerk Stowe administered the Oath of Office and Councilmember Dawson took his seat at the Council table.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo said information on an arsenic scrubber was given to the Council. He also reminded the Council that their packets are available by Thursdays and they were encouraged to pick up their packets by Monday in order to have time to review the material.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about a recent home invasion where an elderly woman had to shoot an intruder. Chief Casey has heard people cheering the shooter but reminded everyone that there is a lot of trauma for all involved. He said the woman has not been charged with a crime. An investigation is ongoing and could take months. After the investigation is done a prosecutor will determine whether to prosecute or not. Chief Casey reminded everyone that this is normal procedure for any homicide.

Clerk Stowe researched the federal mandate for water conservation, which was a question brought up by Councilmember Ware at the last meeting. The federal Safe Drinking Water Act required the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set guidelines for water conservation. The EPA then issued, as a result, the Water Conservation Plan for public water systems requiring them to document water conservation. The Washington Department of Health is the lead agency for the state under this federal mandate. The relevant Revised Code of Washington (RCW) is RCW 70.119A.180.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wallace is seeing a lot of interest in the Farmer's Market and feels the city should encourage this event.

Councilmember Martin attended an emergency preparedness training with Office Manager Beaston. She also attended meetings on the proposed water trail along the Skykomish River, and on agricultural and culinary tourism. She mentioned a recent article in the Herald that talked about bouldering in the Gold Bar area and felt this was another resource.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Vicky McDaniel welcomed Councilmember Dawson and thanked him for representing residents. She asked Chief Casey if there was a way to get Ray Coleman's reports to Block Watch captains in formats other than social media. Chief Casey will ask Mr. Coleman.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Council Position. When the Oath of Office was administered to Councilmember Ware, a position was not assigned. Clerk Stowe checked with Snohomish County Elections and was told that the Oath was legal but that a position needed to be assigned. Since Councilmember Dawson was assigned Position #1, that, by default, left Position #2 open. Councilmember Ware confirmed that both positions had the same term. Clerk Stowe then administered a revised Oath of Office to Councilmember Ware, seating him in Position #2.

2. Water Usage Thresholds. The action taken at the last Council meeting raising water usage during June, July, and August had the potential to benefit Councilmembers financially, either personally or through any businesses they may own. Clerk Stowe said she should have asked Councilmembers to disclose any financial gain. She also said that it was understood that any action by the Council had the potential to benefit them due to the fact that they lived in the city. This was different because of the financial aspect. She suggested vacating the motion and placing it on the agenda at the next meeting. That would allow her to clarify any financial benefits and would also allow Councilmember Dawson time to review the information. She said this would still allow time to enact the threshold change prior to June 1st.

Councilmember Ware moved to vacate the motion and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Councilmember Wallace then asked if the motion should not also include placing the action on the next agenda. Councilmember Ware then said he felt this action was aimed at him specifically because of his blueberry farm business. He said he did not utilize water for his business. Clerk Stowe told him this had nothing to do with him personally. After discussion Councilmember Ware moved to amend his motion to vacate the motion adjusting water usage thresholds during June, July, and August, and to place the change on the next agenda for action. Councilmember Martin seconded the amended motion. With no further discussion a vote was called for and the motion passed.

3. Wallace Falls State Park Vehicle Parking. Mayor Hodo updated the Council that 'No Parking' signs had been ordered and would be installed once they arrive. He appreciates people coming to Gold Bar but also recognizes that they cannot inconvenience residents. Councilmember Ware said residents could put signs out and charge for parking on their property. Director Light said a recreational overlay was done during the Comprehensive Plan process that included the area in question and that parking on private property was an allowable use.

Councilmember Ware said a former mayor told the Council that park officials were amenable and that there may be another parking lot available. Mayor Hodo agreed with this and also said people were parking along the streets when the parking lot was empty in order to avoid paying the park fee.

Councilmember Ware said he did not advocate parking along the streets due to the need for emergency ingress and egress.

Resident MaryAnn Suttan thanked the Council for their quick response to the parking issue. She handed out more photos, including ones of cars parking less than five feet from fire hydrants. She asked that the pavement be painted to delineate the area of no parking around hydrants. Mayor Hodo asked Councilmember Martin to contact the fire department. There was brief discussion around whether the hydrants in question were in city limits. Either way, they are within the fire department jurisdiction.

Jay Prueher said the parking issue is untenable for residents and that the street gets narrowed down to a walkway. He talked about the roads involved, the number of cars, and that the problem is shared by both the County and the State. He felt both entities should share in fixing the problem and also talked about gravelling right of ways.

Al White said the city should create more parking.

Councilmember Dawson asked how parking violations would be enforced. This would be done through giving out tickets.

Mayor Hodo said he would ask someone from the County to come up.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution #16-04, Public Records Processing Procedures. Because Councilmember Dawson has not had time to review this resolution, and those Councilmembers who were unable to get packets prior to the meeting also had not had time to review, Councilmember Diaz moved to place this Resolution on the next agenda, and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

2. Port-a-Pottie Location. Councilmember Diaz moved to allow the location of the port-a-pottie to be determined by the Mayor and staff as needed and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion.

There was a great deal of discussion around port-a-potties in general, the need for them in parks, if the budget could handle paying for two, purchasing vs. renting, the number of people using the facility, when it should be locked vs. open, whether a port-a-pottie should be tied to the permit application process, the need to provide services if a park is provided, the sanitary issues of having to move one often, the cost of renting, the need to bring community together, and health department regulations requiring one when there is are food services. Clerk Stowe reminded everyone that there was an open motion on the table and discussion should be limited to that motion.

Discussion then continued, including that staff should review locations, the need to pick the lock when it's not open, and that farmer's market staff should have a key. People then returned to previous discussion points for more discussion.

Mayor Hodo called for a vote on the motion and the motion carried.

3. Resolution #16-03 Amending the Fee Schedule. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Resolution #16-03 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried. Councilmember Dawson asked if the charge for CDs and DVDs was for the actual product or the material on the product. Mayor Hodo clarified that it can be for both if allowed by law.

4. Resolution #16-05, Amending Title 5. Clerk Stowe said she mistakenly formatted this amendment as a resolution when it should have been an ordinance. Councilmember Wallace moved to place this as an ordinance on the next agenda and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Clerk Stowe said the Council could still review the body of the resolution as that won't change.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Ware said he would be absent at the May 17th meeting. Councilmember Wallace moved to excuse Councilmember Ware's absence and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

This item typically on the agenda was inadvertently removed. Mayor Hodo allowed this period under other business.

There was more discussion from residents around the parking issue with discussion including topics previously talked about, including wanting updates, that tickets wouldn't work, enforcement, charging for parking, and the request to have Dave Somers meet with the city.

There was continued discussion around the port-a-pottie including when to have it locked.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the April 19th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31336 through 31366, with \$25,407.93 for payroll and \$99,034.09 for claims, for a total of \$124,442.02 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Ware moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

 _____, Lee Hodo, Mayor

 _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

