

# 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, July 19, 2016

## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

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

## AGENDA APPROVAL

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo asked Ray Coleman to read a letter written by the Arlington Chief of Police to President Obama.

## STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey brought in flowers from his wife that included a white rose for each deputy. He said he feels supported in this community and that while deputies are under more stress than normal, they are committed to continuing to treat everyone with respect and to take care of the community.

Clerk Stowe said the annual interlocal for the Snohomish County Regional Drug Task Force was in Council boxes for their review. The interlocal will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Director Light sees the deputies in action every day, including this day when dealing with an upset woman. He talked about surveying water mains on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> streets, work on a grant for sidewalks along the post office side of 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and the deadline for the grant submittal. He would like to have the grant ready for Council action at the August Council meeting as the grant deadline is the 19<sup>th</sup>. The City will have to pay 25% of the grant.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Casey. She also talked about the water trail project and how she is looking forward to Gold Dust Days.

Councilmember Ware expressed his appreciation to Chief Casey. He likes Chief Casey's approach to enforcement of law and how the deputies sympathize with people. He said throughout his life encounters with law enforcement have not always been positive, but that is not true of encounters with Snohomish County deputies.

Councilmember Dawson also said he appreciated Chief Casey and what he does. Councilmember Dawson asked if the woman who drowned a few weeks ago was the same woman who hitchhikes regularly in the area, which it was not.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ray Coleman echoed Councilmember Ware's comments about the deputies and thanked them.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

1. Coastal Community Bank Card Readers. Mayor Hodo asked the Council to consider this for action at the next Council meeting. Clerk Stowe and Office Manager Beaston drafted a short memo on potential costs. Mayor Hodo feels it is a lot of money to come out of the general fund with no way to recoup that cost.

Councilmember Diaz likes the idea of providing the service and feels the city needs to be modern. Councilmember Wallace asked why users could not absorb the cost. Clerk Stowe told him that the city would need contracts in place with each credit card company, and each company would also audit the city. Councilmember Martin is interested in the option of paying \$90.00 for a reader to try it first. There was brief discussion about how much it would cost the city for uses like land use permitting with high fees. Councilmember Ware is basically in favor of the concept and feels the water rates could be raised to cover the costs. Councilmember Dawson verified that this would be sole-sourced with Coastal Community bank. There was brief discussion around Chip reading.

Councilmembers Wallace and Dawson would like to ask Office Manager Beaston to get an idea how many people would be interested in using cards.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fire Department Presentation. Fire Chief Andrews presented a PowerPoint presentation that included the topics of department organization, its history, how it is governed, services provided, potential threats from disasters, and issues around evacuations. There was discussion around these topics, plus natural gas lines that run through the city, the Proctor Creek fire, evacuation drills and highway 2, See-City software, and the fire department's wish to utilize the small building beside the fire department for staff sleeping quarters. The building is currently used by the City. Mayor Hodo said the city would look at what is in the building and the possibility of sharing the building.

2 Next Council Meeting. Because the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting falls on the same night as National Night Out, there was discussion around moving the meeting time. Councilmember Diaz moved to change the date of the Council meeting to August 3<sup>rd</sup> and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried, with Councilmember Ware abstaining. Councilmember Diaz then moved to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Wallace and Ware and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

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

Councilmember Ware asked about the costs of a few line items in the financial report, including legal services. Clerk Stowe explained that the line items he mentioned are a higher percentage because they are annual fees. Mayor Hodo said legal fees are higher than anticipated because the City is completing older public records requests. Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that they review budgets at the fund level rather than the line item level, and that the fund itself is well below the anticipated percentage. Councilmember Ware asked about the process if the fund were to exceed its budget and Clerk Stowe said it would be the same process as normal, with a budget amendment. Councilmember Dawson said he did the math and legal fees are 4.5% of the total fund costs and even if those costs doubled they would not exceed the budget.

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Ware moved to approve the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31493 through 31518, with \$2,200.00 for payroll and \$22,134.73 for claims, for a total of \$24,334.73 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

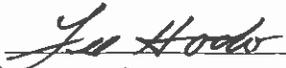
**OPEN FORUM**

Chuck Lie said he does not need to be misquoted or taken out of context.

Ray Coleman talked about evacuation routes, no buses in town for school kids during the day, and security concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

. Lee Hodo, Mayor

. Lisa Stowe, Clerk



