

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 16, 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 and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo complimented the work done on painting hydrants.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about an uptick in vehicle theft in the Gold Bar region and reminded people to lock their cars. He talked about recent work by the Snohomish County Drug Task Force including the seizure of a significant quantity of methamphetamines, narcotics, cash, etc. and serving a warrant on a house in Gold Bar. He also said that Snopac and Snocom are working to combine dispatch services.

Clerk Stowe gave the Council and Mayor a memo on payroll budgeting. She asked them to review the information and give her budget suggestions relating to payroll in September.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin thanked those who attended the Water Trail meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Inessa Pearce with SVENA talked about herbicide spraying that will be done by Weyerhaeuser in the month of August. There was brief discussion around the spraying happening on privately owned lands outside of the city limits.

Debbie Copple with the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce talked about work on the Startup gym, and then thanked all those who helped with Gold Dust Days. In particular, she thanked NAPA, Republic Services, and Wagley Creek for their financial support, and the Snohomish County Explorers. The Explorers did an excellent job serving the community and she said Gold Dust Days had no incidents because of their presence. Joseph Manella represented the Explorers and received certificates from the city on their behalf. Chief Casey said the Explorers also helped out during National Night Out and said they worked hard and deserved all the thanks.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #697, Title 3, Purchasing. Ordinance #697 was presented for a second reading and action, relating to clarifying conflicting wording in Title 3. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #697 as written and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Crime Stoppers Funding. This organization has been beneficial for the community and the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff's Department has paid Gold Bar's portion of costs to keep this program running, but due to recent budget cuts and the failure of legislation, it is no longer possible to continue the payments. Chief Casey asked the Council to consider donating to this fund. Gold Bar's portion would be roughly \$270. Resident Ray Coleman offered to donate \$300 to the organization. Councilmember Diaz moved to donate to Crime Stoppers in an amount not to exceed \$300 and Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion. There was brief discussion before calling for a vote and the motion carried.

2. Republic Services. Janet Pritchard talked about upcoming rate changes for garbage and recycling. There was a great deal of discussion, including the consumer price index (CPI), rates of other entities, regulations around solid waste, costs of recycling, state regulations mandating recycling, the history of Gold Bar with Republic Services, Republic's need to raise rates, and community involvement. At one point Ms. Pritchard said their rates had actually gone down the previous year. Councilmember Wallace said he never saw any decrease in rates and Ms. Pritchard said that was probably because of taxes and fees.

Councilmember Ware said he understood that the City had different rates from surrounding county customers. Ms. Pritchard said there is one hauler who serves Snohomish County or people can haul garbage themselves. She said cities have the right to franchise the service and limit the number of trucks coming into city limits.

Councilmember Dawson said that fees for services within city limits should be less than in the county because homes are closer together and less gas would be used. He also asked why the CPI was referenced. Ms. Pritchard said it was in the contract but Republic would prefer to utilize one subset of the CPI relating to water, sewer, and trash rather than the CPI as a whole. Councilmember Dawson said the CPI rate had gone down because the price of gas went down so that should mean the costs should also have gone down. Ms. Pritchard said Councilmember Dawson was talking about densities, but that haulers still had to get to the city.

Mayor Hodo said what the Council needed to be concerned with was the cost to the city and residents. He talked about the current costs being around \$26 and Ms. Pritchard's estimate of costs going up to \$34. He asked her to come back to the Council with exact figures and a draft contract so the Council could make a decision. Options regarding solid waste include continuing with Republic Services, switching to Waste Management, or going out to bid.

Councilmember Wallace said Republic Services must justify the increase and he felt it would be a good idea to go out to bid for fresh perspectives.

Councilmember Martin felt having Republic take over recycling services would be a benefit.

Councilmember Dawson clarified that the costs would be going up to match what Waste Management charges in the County.

After the discussion Mayor Hodo asked again for a draft contract and Ms. Pritchard said that could take a couple months. The current contract with Republic ends in March of 2017.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin thanked Ray Coleman for his donation to Crime Stoppers. She also thanked the Explorers again and said she was impressed with the members.

Mayor Hodo reminded the Council to review the budget relating to payroll.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Dawson moved to approve the August 3rd, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31559 through 31583, with \$2,200 for payroll and \$26,264.69 for claims, for a total of \$28,464.69 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Dave Cotterill talked about ongoing problems with noise from the VFW hall. There was a great deal of discussion around his problem, including deputy response, city ordinances, and penalties. After all the discussion, the final result was to have Clerk Stowe draft a letter to the commander of VFW from the Council, and to have citations start being issued to the commander.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

 . Lee Hodo, Mayor

 . Lisa Stowe, Clerk