

City of Gold Bar

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107 - 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, September 6, 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, and Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

Councilmember Wallace moved to excuse Councilmember Ware's absence and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey met with representatives from the local VFW hall regarding noise complaints. He also said deputies were dealing with repeated noise violations on Timber Lane.

Chief Casey introduced Lieutenant Steve McDonald, who is also the new Sultan chief. Chief Casey also talked about a new captain and new bureau chief.

Chief Casey talked about parking violations on Ley Road and May Creek Road, and that tickets had been issued.

Director Light presented a letter from the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding work on highway 2 beginning next June. DOT would like an exemption from noise regulations, which would allow them to work at night when traffic is lighter. Councilmember Wallace moved to exempt DOT from noise regulations during their work period, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe passed around a card for Dr. Dankers, asking the Council to thank him for the donation of a portable AED for the city. She also said that the State auditors may be able to start the city's audit of 2015 in September.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Diaz asked for an update on a possible presentation by Snopac on their upcoming merger. Chief Casey said this may still happen but he has no details yet.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers offered handouts with information on the upcoming day of unity in Monroe on 9/11.

Ken Catnor talked about problems with jersey barriers and drug activity on the corner of 8th Street and Linda Lane. There was discussion around the jersey barriers, including their history, and what other options there might be to slow traffic in that area.

Chuck Lie talked about issues on May Creed Road, including how many cars do not stop at the stop sign. He feels deputies have more to do than patrol that intersection, and talked about options including jersey barriers or speed bumps. Discussion included options around speed cameras, costs, and staffing. Mayor Hodo will look into the issue further with Chief Casey.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. VFW Draft Letter. Councilmember Wallace asked how many citations were issued to individuals before taking the step of issuing them to the VFW commander. He also asked if warnings had been given to VFW prior to the letter detailing action. Chief Casey said dialog had been ongoing with VFW for more than a year and that citations written to individuals weren't working. Councilmember Martin said there had been a long discussion at the last meeting as to why this letter was drafted. Councilmember Dawson pointed out the letter had an incorrect address for the VFW hall. No action was taken by the Council as the Mayor presented the draft letter for their information.

2. 2017 Salaries/Wages. At the last Council meeting Clerk Stowe presented a salary comparison and asked the Council to give her direction for the upcoming budget cycle. Options for the Council included maintaining employee wages with no change, granting a cost of living increase, or making changes based on comparable wages. After discussion, Councilmember Dawson moved to grant staff a 1.7% cost of living increase plus a 1.3% salary increase for 2017, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried. Mayor Hodo and Councilmember Martin would like to continue reviewing salaries and wages.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Surplus of Generator. When well #4 was upgraded, a larger generator was purchased, replacing a generator that has not been used since. This is a three-phase, 100 KW generator that has around six hundred hours on it. Similar ones sell for around \$15,000. Director Light asked the Council to approve putting this generator out for bid, with an opening bid of \$15,000. Councilmember Diaz moved to surplus the generator through the bid process and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried with Councilmember Dawson opposed.

2. SCSO Interlocal Agreement. The interlocal for services from the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department was presented, along with information on what costs will be in 2017. Councilmember Martin moved to approve the interlocal for 2017 with the Sheriff's Department, and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

3. 2017 Jail Costs. A letter from the Sheriff's Department was presented with costs for jail services for 2017. Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the new jail costs and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Wallace may miss the September 20th Council meeting. Councilmember Diaz moved to excuse Councilmember Wallace and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

Councilmember Dawson clarified his reason for the vote in opposition to the surplus of the generator. He likes to have backups and asked if the generator might not be needed some day. Director Light said there are already backups in place. He also said the city had approached the school district about using it for their emergency plan but they were not interested.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the August 16th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31584 through 31621, with \$32,998.18 for payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes, and \$8,050.39 for claims, for a total of \$41,048.57 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tracy Cotterill wanted to know the content of the letter that will be sent to the VFW commander and what the fines would be. Chief Casey offered to speak with her after the meeting.

Joe Beavers said the address for the Gold Bar city hall in the Sheriff's Department interlocal is wrong.

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 8:01pm.

 _____, Lee Hodo, Mayor

 _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

