

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, September 20, 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 Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT

Clerk Stowe asked the Council to bring anything they would like considered for the 2017 budget to her before the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wallace has talked to Waste Management for a potential competitive bid with Republic Services.

Councilmember Martin said the Farmer's Market has two more Saturdays, and the one on October 1st will be a harvest festival.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about options for speeding on May Creek Road, including a radar gun that is posted and runs 24 hours a day collecting speed data, and rubber speed bumps that can be bolted down.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Keven Plemel gave a presentation on the Snohomish Health District. Points included services provided, history, funding, safety, diseases and disease control, and the need for funding assistance from cities. He asked that Gold Bar give the Health District \$2 per citizen.

Councilmember Martin talked to him about emergency preparedness. Councilmember Ware asked to speak to him one-on-one after the meeting. Councilmember Dawson asked for clarification on Mr. Plemel's statement about measles making a comeback due to people not vaccinating children. Clerk Stowe asked how the need for \$2 per citizen would change if the Snohomish County Council elects to absorb the health district. It is unclear what would happen then. Clerk Stowe said cities are also struggling with revenue and asked if the Health District would consider something less than \$2 per citizen. Mr. Plemel said they would. No action was taken and Mayor Hodo asked the Council to consider this for discussion at the next meeting.

2. Payroll Budgeting. Councilmember Martin brought up at the last meeting that clerical staff still lags in pay with equal positions in cities of the same size. Mayor Hodo asked the Council to consider an additional 1.5% increase for clerical staff. Councilmember Martin moved to grant a 1.5% additional increase in wages for the positions of office manager, clerk/treasurer, and public records officer, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution #16-10, Fee Schedule. Snohomish County Planning raised rates for fire inspections so that the city's fees no longer cover the costs. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Resolution #16-10 increasing inspection fees as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Councilmember Ware asked if there was any projection of further increases to charges and Councilmember Martin said that was unknown, which was why the Resolution was worded to charge the same fees charged by Planning rather than a dollar amount.

2. Ordinance #698 amending Title 8. Public Nuisances, does not specifically address dirt tracks or race tracks in residential zoning so this ordinance clarifies those. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #698 amending Title 8, Public Nuisances, for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Hodo thanked Councilmember Wallace for taking on the task of garbage services.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the September 6th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31622 through 31649, with \$2,200.00 for payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes, and \$60,962.21 for claims, for a total of \$63,162.21 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sheryl Klennert spoke about the ecology blocks near Linda Avenue and asked if signs could be posted for no parking and no loitering. Mayor Hodo told her that signs had been ordered, had arrived, and would be posted.

Chuck Lie talked about the importance of supporting the Health District.

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 7:55 pm.

 _____, Lee Hodo, Mayor

_____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

