

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 4, 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 Ware. Also present was Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Ware moved to excuse Councilmember Wallace's absence and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo talked about an upcoming meeting with Hans Dunshee and his opponent, which will be at the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce. He also said AWC will be in Edmonds on the 20th if any Councilmembers wished to attend a meeting on upcoming legislation.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about options for traffic control. These included radar systems, costs for additional deputies, motorcycle patrols, mobile radar units, utilizing school resource officers, speed bumps, peak travel times, and traffic studies. Councilmember Martin asked about the effectiveness of these options and that was also discussed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin thanked Councilmembers Diaz and Dawson for attending the last farmer's market. She complimented the facilitators for their work in making the market a success. Councilmember Dawson asked vendors for feedback and was asked if the city could promote the market. There were concerns around homeless people using the gazebo during market hours. Mayor Hodo said other cities are closing homeless camps so those people coming out this way and people need to learn how to help as best as they can.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #698 amending Title 8, Nuisances. Clerk Stowe added an exemption after Councilmember Dawson's questions at the last meeting regarding bicycles. Councilmember Ware felt the exemption created a problem because it did not include pedestrians. There was discussion around wording and the ordinance will be on the next agenda.

2. 2017 Budget. Clerk Stowe presented information on the budget process. There was discussion around emergency work vs. annual work, confined space equipment, the availability of the fire department for emergency lighting, and public meetings for the budget process.

3. Snohomish County Health District Discussion. Mayor Hodo talked about a second article in the Herald and how it appears the Board is leaning toward incorporating into the County. He suggested the City wait on determinations until the future of the district has been finalized. Councilmember Martin felt the City should also wait to see what the budget will be. As Mayor Hodo said, there will be no way to recoup the cost. Councilmember Ware said in his opinion it would be a disservice to the community if the Health District was incorporated into the County. Councilmember Diaz said he thought the Health District always was part of the County.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Keating, Bucklin, and McCormack Attorney Contract. There was brief discussion around formalizing services between the city and Keating, Bucklin, and McCormack. The agency already has a working relationship with the city through the Association of Washington Cities, and offers services separate from Kenyon Disend, who will continue as the city's attorneys. Councilmember Ware moved to enter into the contract agreement with Keating, Bucklin, and McCormack Attorneys and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Ware talked about Chief Casey's work on researching traffic control options, and what his preferences would be for May Creek Road.

Councilmember Dawson checked speeds on both 1st Street and May Creek Road and found that people were speeding more on 1st Street than on May Creek Road, although it appears to be a problem on both. He volunteered his services to track speeds before the city spends funds on solutions.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Dawson moved to approve the September 20th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31650 through 31685, with \$36,868.52 for payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes, and \$89,014.54 for claims, for a total of \$125,883.06 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Lie talked about the Singletary timber sale and the need to stop it. He will have a draft letter of support for the Council to consider at the next meeting. He also talked about the importance of helping keep Wallace Falls a local and state treasure, and the need to protect the area.

Joe Beavers said the corner of 1st Avenue and Lewis Street is an area where buses drop kids off so he feels it's a prime location for a raised pedestrian crosswalk.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

 , Lee Hodo, Mayor

 , Lisa Stowe, Clerk

