

# 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, October 18, 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 and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Ware did not contact the City Hall so it was unclear whether his absence should be excused or not.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo is gathering information on speed limit options. He also reminded the Council of an upcoming regional meeting by AWC with a cost of \$45.

## STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about recent breaks in property thefts, vehicle thefts, and burglaries. He is also in discussion regarding the possible use of motorcycle deputies for the speed and stop sign issues.

At the last Council meeting, Councilmember Dawson offered to use his radar gun to track speeds in the problem areas. Clerk Stowe spoke with the Washington State Patrol to make sure this was legal, which it is.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Casey for being at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West recently and reminding people to stop at the stop sign. She also talked about attending a meeting where the timber sale on the agenda was discussed.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

Inessa Pearce talked about the timber sale and the impacts to her business as well as to other businesses.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

William Ibershof gave a PowerPoint presentation on the services Waste Management could provide. Discussion included levels of service, costs, options for contracting, how a transition would happen, contrasting costs and service with Republic, and requirements of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Customers would be able to set the level of service they wanted, such as pickup once a month rather than weekly. Two of the biggest changes would be bi-weekly recycling rather than weekly, and weekly yard waste rather than bi-weekly. Costs were also discussed. Some rates would be lower and some higher, and costs would also be dependent on the type of service each person signed up for. Basically, for someone with weekly garbage service, recycling, and yard waste, with a 32-gallon can, the fee would be approximately \$32 a month.

Both Republic and Waste Management would take over billing for recycling, which will be easier for customers and remove the City from the middle-man position.

Mayor Hodo asked the Council to look at options and compare services, for further discussion at the next Council meeting.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance #698 amending Title 8, Nuisances. Clerk Stowe worked with Chief Casey to clarify and simplify the language from the previous draft. After review, Councilmember Dawson moved to accept Ordinance #698 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2017 Budget. Clerk Stowe presented preliminary working figures for the budget. By the next meeting she should have the funds balanced and further information. The next meeting will also be a public hearing on the budget. Two areas of concern she has include the Stormwater fund and the Water fund. The Stormwater fund has not been supporting itself. Changes have been made to expenses based on allocation studies which should help the fund. Clerk Stowe suggested seeing how those changes impact the fund during the mid-year budget review. At that time, if the fund is not improving, rates may need to be increased.

The Water fund has been impacted by changes to the assessment fees. There are several options currently being reviewed which will impact the fund levels and these will be discussed more at the next meeting. Options do not include raising water rates.

Clerk Stowe asked the Council to review the information presented and bring any questions to her.

2. Timber Sale Letter of Support. Resident Chuck Lie drafted a letter asking for the Singletary timber sale to be put on hold pending other options and asking the State Parks Department to expand parking. Clerk Stowe would like to correct typographical errors and also questioned the City being able to sign off on a letter that suggested a ten-year moratorium on the logging. There was discussion around the letter and a side discussion on parking issues at the State park. After discussion, Councilmember Wallace moved to have Clerk Stowe revise the letter of support to correct errors and to reduce it to the timber sale issue only, and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Clerk Stowe said that the 2015 audit begins October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin said that the location of the Hans Dunshee debate was incorrect and suggested changing it. She then moved to approve the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes as amended and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31686 through 31716, with \$2,200.00 for payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes, and \$51,062.10 for claims, for a total of \$53,262.10 as presented and with a second by both Councilmember Martin and Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM COMMENTS - None**

**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 8:15 pm.

 \_\_\_\_\_, Lee Hodo, Mayor

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**Gold Bar Council Meeting**  
**\* Open Forum Sign-in Sheet**  
**October 18, 2016**

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