



City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Clerk Stowe administered the Oath of Office to Kendall Lewis Wallace for Council Position 4. After the Oath, Councilmember Wallace took his seat.

Roll was then called. Present were Councilmembers Martin, Palmer, and Wallace. Also present were Public Works Director Light, Clerk Stowe and Chief Casey.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda to add Dan Chaplik under 'New Business' and with a second by Councilmember Palmer, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen reviewed accomplishments over the past year, including the successful audit.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey submitted a report for November and talked about the continued learning process for reports with the new computer system.

He then talked about acceptable conduct during a Council meeting.

Director Light also reviewed the past year, including the completion of the water comprehensive plan, and spoke about the upcoming required revisions of the Critical Areas Ordinance. He reminded people that the website always has up to date information, and that he is available to meet with residents.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin was happy to see so many people attending this first meeting of the year and hopes some will be inspired to apply for open Council seats.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers complimented the city on installation of lights at the park.

Steve Fore said councilmembers feel people only come to meetings when their pockets are impacted. He said residents didn't sign on for attending meetings and wanted to know when a town hall meeting would be held. He also said he'd been approached by a Councilmember who promised to contact him but never did. Councilmember Palmer said he was the one who approached Mr. Fore, and that he had called, only to be told by Mr. Fore that he did not have time to speak to Councilmember Palmer and would call back, which he never did.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. School Bond. Dan Chaplik spoke about the upcoming school bond, up for vote on February 9th. He talked about the size of buildings vs. the size of classes, the age of infrastructure, the need to replace roofs, matching funds and what those funds will cover, and about mailings going out with bond information. He is available to meet with people.
- Resolution 15-12, Personnel Manual. Clerk Stowe asked the Council to delay action because she has received comments from the city attorney that need to be incorporated, and because Councilmember Wallace has not had time to review the draft.
- 3. Resolution 15-11, Draft Water Rates. There was a great deal of discussion around this issue.

Toni Jurin voiced concerns that Councilmembers are not discussing rates and have already decided that rates are going to go up for five years. She asked if anyone had reached out other districts or applied for grants. She understands work needs to be done and commented that water is not drinkable.

Councilmember Martin responded by saying workshops were held, that the rate increase was worked on by an expert, that other entities were consulted with, and that discussions were held but no residents showed up. She said she is not happy either about the increase but is trying to be as responsible as she can be and still do her job which is to provide good water. Unfortunately the city has an aging system so they are stuck between a rock and a hard spot.

Mayor Loen said water is drinkable. She reminded people that the discussion is about rates and said the city continues to apply for grants. She said replacing the system is what the assessment fee is for and that usage is looked at every year but that doesn't mean it's going up.

Steve Fore said people should listen to what Director Light says. He said the Council won't listen and that former Councilmember Lee Hodo left for a good reason and the city lost its best councilmember. He said the system could fail right now and the city needs three million and why not apply for a grant for three million. He wants a town hall meeting.

Vicki McDaniel is upset that she didn't get any information other than from neighbors. She also wants a town hall meeting. She also asked about grants, and said residents had no chance to talk about this before this point. She asked what the purpose of the rate increase was.

Councilmember Martin repeated that the city had had multiple meetings and that they had been clear that infrastructure needs to be improved and that is what the rate increase is for. She said the Council has done due diligence, applied for grants, and worked on conservation, and that this is very complex. The Council is not doing this lightly, has had lots of meetings and lots of questions, and she is doing the best she can.

Vicki McDaniel thanked Councilmember Martin, then said they need to reach out to citizens in other ways if they are not getting people to attend. She asked if the city could guarantee that after five years water will still be good.

Director Light said water quality already is good. There was one hit on well four which was solved by blending, an acceptable and common practice. He said the water comprehensive plan estimates 9.8 million for system improvements and that rates help pay for that. The increase won't pay for it alone and that is why the city continues to go out for loans and grants. He reiterated that the rate increase is for infrastructure.

Vicki McDaniel asked if the water is acceptable then why is there this huge increase.

Mayor Loen said the five year time frame is a study and is not what the Council has taken on. The Council does not want to do the five year increase, only the first year, which they hope will be enough. That one year cost is for the

assessment for improvements. She said the Council has chosen to do just one year in order to help citizens by not raising rates every year. The Council hopes that a combination of one year plus grants and loans will be enough.

Joe Beavers thanked the mayor for sending out post cards to all the residents and pointed out that only three people showed up.

Clerk Stowe reminded the audience that the city is under a legal obligation to provide a level of service for water and that the city is answerable to outside agencies.

Steve Fore said he understands they are trying to do something but doesn't understand the rate increase as it will not raise enough. He repeated his previous comments. He also said the city has no storm water.

Sharon Williams said the Council is not responding. She doesn't care if post cards were sent out, stated no one got any, and that it's a rude way to get information out. She asked what would happen if something breaks now because raising rates one year isn't going to work,

Tracy Cotterill asked if the city had talked to the PUD about taking over the water system.

Councilmember Wallace asked if that was a possibility. Councilmember Martin said it was, but that if people thought this rate increase was high, the PUD increase would be higher. Councilmember Martin also said that information goes out on water bills.

Jane Boglivi said she hasn't heard any more discussion on commercial rates. She asked the city to use the highway reader board. She also said she doesn't read anything printed on the water bills or post cards and that the city fails at getting information out.

Councilmember Martin reminded everyone that the highway reader board belongs to the school, not the city.

Steve Fore asked why the Council did not immediately schedule a town hall meeting. He said people did not come to Council meetings because of the Council. He then said he would create a petition to remove the mayor and put a city administrator in her place.

Clerk Stowe reminded the audience of the difference between a council meeting and a town hall meeting, the differences in allowed conduct at both, the requirements a councilmember must follow, and that just because a resident did not see a councilmember taking action, that did not mean no action was being taken.

Tracy Cotterill asked if the PUD could be invited to another meeting. She feels there's more effort going into notifying residents of community events than the rate increase.

Joe Beavers pointed out notifications for community events are done by the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce and not the city.

Vicki McDaniels said the Block Watch is also a way to reach out to residents. She asked about a past volunteer committee. Director Light said the committee worked for a year on water issues and then dissolved.

3. BIAS Service Agreement. Clerk Stowe said this is the annual service agreement for software and that it would be appropriate to make a motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into this agreement, or other action as the Council chose. Councilmember Martin asked if the city was happy with the level of service, which it is. Councilmember Martin then moved to authorize Mayor Loen to enter into the BIAS Service Agreement and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Under Council comments, Clerk Stowe asked the Council if they would like to have the issue of a town hall meeting placed on the next agenda for discussion and the Council agreed.

Councilmember Wallace asked if there would be a vote for the water rates. Mayor Loen said there may possibly be a vote at the next meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the minutes for December 15th, 2015 to correct a spelling error, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve vouchers 31081 through 31124, with \$27,206.89 for payroll and \$22,913.27 for claims, for a total of \$50,120.16 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jane Boglivi asked what claims were and was informed those are the bills of the city, which are posted on the city website.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Sign-In Sheet January 19, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Martin, Palmer, and Wallace. Also present was Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the agenda as written and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

OPEN COUNCIL POSITIONS

Clerk Stowe told the Council that Lee Hodo was interested in regaining his Council seat. The Council could choose to rescind his letter of resignation, or to appoint him to the Council seat for the remainder of the term. Councilmember Wallace asked Hodo how the Council could know that he might not choose to resign again. Hodo responded that they don't. Councilmember Martin moved to appoint Lee Hodo to Council position #1 and with a second by Councilmember Palmer, a vote was called for. Councilmembers Martin and Palmer voted in favor, Councilmember Wallace voted against, and the motion carried. Clerk Stowe administered the Oath of Office and Councilmember Hodo took his seat.

Two letters of interest from Larry Dum and Brian Diaz were presented for the remaining open seat. Clerk Stowe asked Diaz to verify that he was a registered voter in the city limits because he had not included that information in his letter of interest. She then told the Council they could choose to appoint one to the open position or to leave the position open for further review.

Councilmember Martin asked Dum how long he had been a Gold Bar resident and he stated eighteen years. Councilmember Wallace asked each applicant why they wanted the position. Diaz said he wanted to gain experience, reviewed his work history, and said he wanted to help out. Dum also reviewed his work history.

Councilmember Wallace moved to table an appointment for further review and with a second by Councilmember Palmer the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen said work is being done on researching grants for water mains and improving the animal kennel area.

STAFF REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Palmer welcomed Councilmember Hodo back.

Councilmember Martin talked about membership deals the YMCA was holding and a fundraiser for the Startup gymnasium.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jay Prueher talked about the upcoming Sultan school district bond and how much more this would add to resident's property taxes.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution 15-12, Personnel Manual. Clerk Stowe presented changes to the draft that include comments from the city attorney and from staff. Councilmember Martin asked to have the city attorney review staff comments. There was brief discussion around the abuse of medications.
- 2. Resolution 15-11, Water Rates. Councilmember Wallace knows something needs to be done but asked if there was any way to cut the amount or change the usage. Mayor Loen said the usage is federally mandated for water conservation. She said the assessment pays for improvements and it could be adjusted but that the city is hoping to leave it as it is with this increase and avoid annual increases.

Discussion then followed the same lines as it has in previous meetings and included clarification that those with larger meters will not be paying more for the size, review of rates, usage amounts, early leak detection, assistance for low-income elderly residents, comparisons with PUD rates, and the need to bring new Councilmembers up to speed on the rate study.

Councilmember Hodo asked what the total cost of repairs would be and if anyone had researched the cost to the city for a loan. Mayor Loen said the repair costs in the water comprehensive plan. Clerk Stowe said it was unlikely the city could afford payments on a loan of millions of dollars. Mayor Loen also reminded everyone again that repairs will happen over years and not all at once.

Councilmember Martin moved to continue the resolution to the next meeting and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

Steve Fore spoke, with the same comments as he had at previous meetings relating to increases not solving anything. He then suggested the PUD could take over, or the city could buy out PUD customers.

3. Town Hall Meeting. Discussion included possible dates, how Town Hall meetings are conducted, who should be present, limiting the time, and notifying the public. Councilmember Hodo moved to hold the Town Hall meeting on January 25th from 7 to 9 pm and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. It was pointed out that this would not allow enough time for public notification. Councilmember Hodo then moved to amend his motion to change the date to February 8th. Councilmember Wallace seconded the amended motion and with no further discussion a vote was called for and the motion carried with Councilmember Martin abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Mayor Pro-Tem. Clerk Stowe said that with the resignation of Councilmember Strom, a new Mayor Pro-tem was needed. Councilmember Palmer moved to appoint Councilmember Hodo as the mayor pro-tem, and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.
- 2. Open Forum Discussion. Councilmember Hodo suggested holding an open forum for thirty minutes at the end of each Council meeting. There would be a moderator, no three-minute limitation on speaking, and no action taken. Clerk Stowe said that there would still be rules of conduct. Councilmember Hodo moved to hold an open forum the last council meeting of each month and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.
- 3. Eastside Computer Contract. Clerk Stowe asked the Council to hold off on action on this contract until there had been time to further review the costs involved. Councilmember Wallace moved to shelve action on the Eastside Computer contract and with a second by Councilmember Hodo the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Wallace asked about bank-owned properties that are in derelict conditions. Municipal code allows for enforcement when conditions become health and safety issues. There was discussion around volunteer groups assisting low income residents. Mayor Loen will get definitive answers.

Councilmember Palmer tendered his resignation due to health issues, effective immediately. Councilmember Martin said he had been a valued member of the Council and appreciated his work.

His resignation resulted in two open Council positions. Clerk Stowe told the Council they could revisit the two letters of interest and choose to appoint both or one, or to continue with the previous motion of tabling action.

Councilmember Martin then moved to appoint both Larry Dum and Brian Diaz to the two open Council positions and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe administered the Oath of Office to Larry Dum who then took his seat as Councilmember, in position #2.

Clerk Stowe administered the Oath of Office to Brian Diaz who then took his seat as Councilmember, in position #5.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the January 5th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve vouchers 31125 through 31152, with \$2,200.00 for payroll and \$15,900.31 for claims, for a total of \$18,100.31 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

There was brief discussion around the Finance Committee and the need for two Councilmembers. Councilmembers Martin and Dum will take on this duty, meeting the Friday before each Council meeting, at 3:00.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Fore thanked Councilmember Hodo for returning.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by both Councilmembers Martin and Hodo, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Linda L. Loen, Mayor

Sign-In Sheet January 5, 2016 Council Meeting

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 2, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Martin, Dum, Hodo, and Diaz. Also present were Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Citizen of the year awards will be awarded February 6th in Sultan. The event begins at 5:00 pm for food and 6:00 pm for the event.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk Stowe reminded all councilmembers that they must fill out the required report on personal finances. She gave them a packet of information and asked that they do this as soon as possible to meet the required deadline.

Clerk Stowe did not have the personnel manual draft on the agenda for this meeting because the city attorney has not finished reviewing all comments. The draft should be on the next agenda for action.

Chief Casey talked briefly about reports, success in identifying those involved in some crimes including the break-in at the post office, and some recent crimes in the area that have happened during the day.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jay Prueher talked about the upcoming Sultan school district bond, the increased in property taxes as a result of the bond, academic and non-academic additions, if the changes will increase graduation rates, and teacher pay.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

-1. Resolution 15-11, Water Rates. There will be a town hall meeting at the City Hall on February 8th. Because of that Councilmember Hodo moved to delay action until the February 16th Council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ordinance #690, Title 15. Ordinance #690 amends Title 15 relating to flood damage and includes wording changes recommended by the Department of Ecology. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #690 amending Title 15 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.
- 2. Ordinance #691, Title 17. Ordinance #691 amends Title 17 relating to parking, allowing the Public Works Director to designate parking areas and place parking signage. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #691 amending Title 17 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.
- 3. Snohomish County Signature Authorization. Mayor Loen asked the Council to authorize signatories for Snohomish County. This is not related to any grants or interlocals. Any contracts still require Council approval. This simply sets in place who will be signatories for approval, administration, and finance, when contracts are needed. Councilmember Hodo moved to authorize Mayor Loen as signatory for approvals, John Light as signatory for contract administration, and Treasurer Stowe as signatory for finances, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - None

MINUTES APPROVAL

Clerk Stowe pointed out a typographical error in the minutes and suggested an amendment. Councilmember Hodo moved to approve the January 19th, 2016 minutes as amended and with a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Hodo moved to approve vouchers 31153 through 31188, with \$24,713.19 for payroll and \$64,252.34 for claims, for a total of \$88,965.53 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dorothy Crowshaw asked about the membership of the Finance Committee and Clerk Stowe told her that Councilmembers Martin and Dum were now on the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Hodo, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

, Linda L. Loen, Mayor

____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk





City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Martin, Dum, Diaz, and Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Kendall moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of a PUD Feasibility study and with a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried with Councilmember Martin opposed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loen passed on a message from Councilmember Hodo, who said he had planned to make a motion on the water resolution raising the usage rate to 6000. She mentioned it in her mayor report so that it could be considered when the agenda item came up.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about an arrest of a person who, when arrested previously, dramatically reduced crime in Gold Bar. He also talked about progress in the burglaries at the Post Office.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Diaz started to talk about the water resolution and was reminded that would be discussed when it came up on the agenda.

Councilmember Wallace started to talk about the feasibility study and his conversation with the PUD, and was reminded that would be discussed when it came up on the agenda.

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Casey for his work on the recent arrest, as did Councilmember Dum.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sharon Williams started to talk about the feasibility study and was reminded that the Citizen Comment time was for items not otherwise on the agenda.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Resolution 15-11, Water Rates. Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda to move this item to follow discussion on the feasibility study, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

- 2. Ordinance #690 Amending Title 15. Clerk Stowe received no comments on this ordinance. Councilmember Dum made a motion. Clerk Stowe asked if he was moving to adopt, amend, or reject the ordinance. Councilmember Dum then made a motion to adopt Ordinance #690 amending Title 15 relating to flood damage as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.
- 3. Ordinance #691 Amending Title 17. Clerk Stowe received no comments on this ordinance. Councilmember Martin moved to accept and enact Ordinance #691 amending Title 17.05 relating to parking as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.
- 4. Resolution 15-12, Personnel Manual. Councilmember Wallace moved to adopt the Personnel Manual as amended to correct any typographical errors, and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.
- 5. PUD Feasibility Study. Councilmember Wallace talked with Brent Wood of the PUD regarding a feasibility study. He said Wood explained there would be a two parts. First would be free and more general. The second part would require a commitment from the City and would cost \$15,000 \$30,000. If the PUD could not fund that through a grant, the cost would be borne by residents. The PUD could not commit to what rates might be if they took over the system but said rates could be quite a bit more because of the needed repairs. PUD did say there was a chance the rates might be less. The PUD also warned Councilmember Wallace that other cities that have given up utilities have ended up disbanding.

Councilmember Martin said that this was close to what she had also been told by Wood, with the exception of the possibility of a grant covering the cost.

Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that there was a big difference between raising rates and moving to the step of giving up the water system. She said research would have to be done before taking the first step of the study. Councilmember Wallace asked if rates could be raised as a first step as the City did the research. Councilmember Martin said they could and reminded people how many times the rate increase has been delayed. She said she is not happy with the rate increase but that the reality was it had to be done. She suggested adopting the resolution with Councilmember Hodo's suggested change.

Councilmember Diaz asked if the first part of the study could be started tomorrow. Clerk Stowe reiterated her comments about the research that would have to be done first.

Councilmember Diaz then moved to research a feasibility study with the PUD and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

Steve Fore feels letting the PUD take over the water system is a bad idea. He talked about there being better ideas out there for repairing the water system, like the city doing it itself. He suggested a higher increase, obtaining loans, and that residents need to know where the money is going.

Chuck Lie said some might see the city fading away as a downside to the PUD but that he doesn't feel that it is a downside. He said the Council needs to think about what the city is providing to its citizens and asked them to not rule out disincorporation. He said disincorporation did not mean there would be an increase in pedophiles and that the sheriff deputies would still be doing their jobs.

Mayor Loen called for a vote on the motion to research the study and the motion carried. The issue will be on the March 1st agenda.

6. Resolution 15-12, Water Rates. Councilmember Wallace asked if Councilmember Hodo's suggestion was for both commercial and residential services, which it was. Councilmember Martin agreed with Councilmember Hodo's suggestion and felt action could be taken prior to research on the feasibility study.

Councilmember Martin then moved to adopt Resolution 15-12 as amended to raise usage rates to 6000 and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

Councilmember Diaz said usage should be left at the original 7500. Clerk Stowe reminded him that the city must show conservation efforts.

Sharon Williams said more facts were needed and questioned what the money would be used for. She talked about old pipes and that she planned to take her own water samples. She also felt the city should get a loan for the whole system repair.

Steve Fore talked about the rate study, that what was presented to the people was nothing, and that he planned on getting an injunction against the city. He repeated earlier comments about there being other solutions, his higher rate proposal, and obtaining loans. He talked about property values and that raising rates won't work.

Mayor Loen called for a vote on the motion and the motion carried with Councilmember Diaz opposed.

NEW BUSINESS - None

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - None

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the February 2nd, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31189 through 31219, with \$2,200.00 for payroll and \$113,867.97 for claims, for a total of \$116,067.97 as presented and with a second by both Councilmembers Dum and Wallace the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Fore repeated earlier comments including that he planned on taking the water rate issue to court.

Chuck Lie said the water rates issue is part of an ongoing cycle.

OPEN FORUM

This was the first open forum as adopted by the Council to provide a more casual period for residents to interact with the Council without the normal constraints imposed by a Council meeting.

Steve Fore utilized the open forum to repeat points he said previously in both Citizen Comment portions of the agenda and during discussion of agenda items. When he finished, Clerk Stowe said that because Fore said he was taking this to court, she suggested the Council not engage in further interaction on the topic. Fore said that Clerk Stowe was telling the Council to not talk to him, and she clarified that she suggested they not talk to him, but had not told them they could not.

Councilmember Martin said there would be continued future discussions, appreciated Fore's work, and would like to see him be part of the process. She reminded everyone that adopting the rate increase was not the end.

Steve Fore then repeated all his previous comments. He asked again what the money was to pay for. Mayor Loen pointed out to him that the project list hung on the wall behind him.

Sharon Williams then repeated her earlier comments.

With no time left for other resident comments, the open forum ended.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Dum moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Linda L. Loen, Mayor

_____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk





City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, March 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Loen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Diaz, Dum, Hodo, Martin, Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dum, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey updated the Council on previous arrests and issues with nuisance properties. He also said Gold Bar will be testing for a new deputy as Deputy Sandt has taken another position.

Director Light is researching grants and loans and it appears the city may be receiving a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant. He met with Darla O'Connor, the city's representative from USDA, for the six-year review. She has agreed to attend the next Council meeting regarding if any funding might be available.

Mayor Loen thanked Clerk Stowe for her timely USDA reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hodo said he may need to be excused at 8:00 pm if the meeting is still going.

Councilmember Dum thanked Director Light and Chief Casey for all they have achieved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Fore quoted the Revised Code of Washington, chapter 35A.12.120 regarding action requiring a quorum vote. He feels Resolution 15-11 was adopted incorrectly because Councilmember Hodo was absent. He then talked about meeting with state representatives, his opinion that the mayor and council do not do their jobs, and that the council ignores the desires of all residents.

At the end of his three minute limit, he wished to continue. Councilmember Diaz moved to allow Steve Fore an additional three minutes and Councilmember Dum seconded the motion. Fore then continued with his previous theme.

At the end of his second three minute period, Clerk Stowe mistakenly said that the motion had not had a vote called for, which it had.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. PUD Feasibility Study. Councilmember Hodo felt the council should give this a lot of thought before 'opening a can of worms that can't be closed'. He felt the city could do their own research. He said Gold Bar's water meets the same health standards as the PUD.

Clerk Stowe reminded the council that research would have to be done regarding the current USDA water loan and how the PUD would handle that. If the PUD did not take on that loan the city might end up defaulting and having to pay the loan back in full.

Councilmember Hodo moved to put off any action until after the visit from the USDA representative and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

- 2. Department of Corrections Contract. The city previously adopted the interlocal to provide work crews but that interlocal did not include rate changes. Councilmember Hodo moved to give Mayor Loen authority to sign the rate change document and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.
- 3. Ordinance #692 Amending the 2016 Budget. In the 2015 budget the Council approved the purchase of a new truck for the water system. That purchase did not happen before the end of the year. The Council then moved to roll that purchase amount over into the 2016 budget, but by that point the 2016 budget had already been approved. Because of that, an amendment is needed to reflect that action. Councilmember Wallace clarified that the funds to pay for the truck came out of the water fund.

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept Ordinance #692 for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

4. Farmer's Market. Mayor Loen has researched bringing a Farmer's Market to the city. The city would take in revenue from booth rentals but there would also be costs for insurance and Honey Buckets. She said it may be possible to get a tourism grant to build a permanent bathroom in the park for this and other community events. Councilmember Martin said signage is an issue for other community events and would need to be looked at. She felt this sounded positive. Councilmember Hodo said there used to be a market years ago that brought in lots of people and he would be in favor of an investment for this.

Councilmember Hodo then moved to table the Farmer's Market discussion until the next meeting and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

5. Eastside Computer Contract. Clerk Stowe worked with Mike Meyers to revise the previous contract. He removed the clause with the flat monthly fee and returned to an hourly charge as the city currently does. Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the contract as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Hodo apologized for his absence at the last meeting. He felt Steve Fore's information regarding representatives was good and suggested if someone had the opportunity to get in touch with representatives or senators, they should.

Councilmember Martin asked if Steve Fore could bring his documentation in a form that she could see. She also said she talks often with Representative Pearson. Fore said he would bring in documentation that she could see.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Hodo moved to accept the February 16th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31220 through 31245, with \$25,069.28 for payroll and \$8,862.25 for claims, for a total of \$33,931.53 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Lie felt that Clerk Stowe was becoming bored with his comments. He talked about the PUD and said he would rather have screwed up bills from the PUD than the way water is now.

Tracy Cotterill also thinks the Council should check with the PUD.

Steve Fore feels the first meeting with the PUD would be under no obligation to the city. He wants people to meet with him and representatives. He wants all citizens to vote and feels Gold Bar should no longer be a city.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Hodo moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Linda L. Loen, Mayor
, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

City of Gold Bar Sign-in Sheet March 1, 2016 Council Meeting

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, March 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Hodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Diaz, Dum, Hodo, Martin, and Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

MAYOR UPDATE

Clerk Stowe said that Mayor Loen resigned for personal reasons. She explained that the Council could choose to appoint Mayor Pro-tem Hodo to the position of Mayor, or they could choose to solicit letters of interest from the general public and Mayor Pro-Tem Hodo would continue as Mayor Pro-Tem until the position was appointed.

Councilmember Dum moved to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Hodo as Mayor and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe presented the Oath of Office to Hodo, who then took his seat as Mayor.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda to allow USDA representative Darla O'Connor to speak after staff reports and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo said he was sorry to see former Mayor Loen go and he will try to do a good job.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about the person previously arrested for burglaries and how that person has now been charged and is still in custody. He spoke briefly about sentencing and burglary rates in the city.

The night shift has been filled, and Chief Casey introduced Deputy Stuart Gort.

Clerk Stowe responded to Steve Fore's comment from the previous Council meeting in which he cited RCW 35A.12.120 relating to the adoption of the resolution increasing water rates. Fore had said the RCW showed the city had illegally adopted the resolution. Clerk Stowe clarified the interpretation of the RCW and said the adoption of the resolution was legal.

Clerk Stowe also explained the open forum on the agenda. There was a sign in sheet for those who wished to speak during the forum, and a handout on the forum. She said that a decision had been made to not have the second citizen comment period on the agenda, during meetings with the open forum. That would allow the Council to continue with two citizen comment periods rather than three on open forum nights.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin attended a meeting on tourism, community events, and community resources.

USDA PRESENTATION

Darla O'Connor from USDA spoke about the agency, including rural development and her role with rural areas, and that they cover loans for new systems, system repairs, and capital improvements for water systems. She also talked about interest rates, the loan program, and when the interest rate gets locked in during the loan process.

Councilmember Wallace asked her how loans would be impacted if the PUD owned the water system. O'Connor said she was not aware of any impacts because she works with the entity that applies. Councilmember Wallace then asked if a loan had to be paid off before another could be applied for. O'Connor said no, that some entities have multiple loans.

O'Connor then talked about applications being taken throughout the year, that USDA is exempt from Davis Bacon wages, and also exempt from the Buy America program.

Mayor Hodo encouraged people to put any questions for USDA in writing and he would get those to O'Connor. He then thanked her for taking the time to come speak to the Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Roi Gift talked about interest only loans.

Ralph Wood asked what Davis Bacon wages were and Mayor Hodo explained.

Steve Fore talked about Resolution 15-11 increasing water rates. He said he had a conversation with Councilmember Dum who told him that Councilmember Dum had not been aware of what he was voting on. Mayor Hodo said he will give Councilmember Dum a chance to speak. Councilmember Dum did not respond.

Steve Fore then talked about rules for running a meeting and that he hoped it came from the Council and not the city. He also said councilmembers had the right to stay in council chambers after a meeting had been adjourned. Mayor Hodo said not if there were more than two councilmembers as that then became a quorum.

Tracy Cotterill asked what Buy America was but no one was sure. She then asked if USDA grants required a match and Director Light was not sure.

Gary Bull talked about a recent dog attack. He asked Chief Casey if there were any updates and Chief Casey deferred to Animal Control Officer Beaston. Beaston said the person who was attacked by the dog could not identify the dog and without a positive identification she was unable to impound the dog. She said a citation was issued for failure to license and she spoke with neighbors who were also unable to identify the dog.

Beaston then said she had not commented during staff reports and took a moment to say the new assessment rate increase was a hardship on senior citizens who were low income. She would like to present the Council with a suggestion to lower the assessment rate for qualifying low income senior citizens. Councilmember Wallace felt that was a good idea.

Joanne Price talked about those who grow vegetable gardens and suggested that water usage be increased for residents during the growing season. Councilmember Martin said that usage rates and summer usage had been discussed previously.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #692, Amending the 2016 budget. Ordinance #692 amending the budget was presented for a second reading and action. This amendment allows the previously approved expenditure for the purchase of a truck for the

water system to be included in the 2016 budget. Councilmember Wallace asked about the existing truck that this purchase replaces. Director Light explained that the truck doors don't shut any more, that the truck was here when he started fifteen years ago, and that he was unsure of the exact age of the truck. Councilmember Dum moved to approve Ordinance #692 amending the 2016 budget as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

2. Farmer's Market. There was a great deal of discussion around the creation of this community event. Discussion included the steep cost of special events insurance, costs for a Honey Bucket, the cost of a park fee, booth rentals, the responsibility of the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce as the entity responsible for the event, revenue to the city through business licensing and taxes, security, cleanup after events, and locking the Honey Bucket.

After discussion, Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the cost to the city for the Honey Bucket, and to waive the park fee for the market, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

3. Clarification. Clerk Stowe said at the beginning of the meeting that there would be no second Citizen Comment period because of the open forum. She realized that because the open forum was created through a motion this change should also come through a motion. Councilmember Martin moved to remove the second Citizen Comment period during Council meetings with open forums and with a second by Councilmember Dum the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - None

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin congratulated those involved with the Farmer's Market for bringing positive energy to the city.

Mayor Hodo reminded the Council that they are elected to run the city so each Councilmember should take responsibility to come up with ideas, do research, and get involved.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the March 1st, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dum the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31246 through 31272, with \$2,200.00 for payroll and \$22,522.32 for claims, for a total of \$24,722.32 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None (open forum meeting)

OPEN FORUM

Vicki McDaniel talked about the fast response from the city when she had an issue with her water and how she felt there would not be a similar result with the PUD. She also said that while she did not agree with the price hike, she understood the need.

Chuck Lie talked about also understanding why the rate increase happened but believes it will happen again in ten years. He talked about the Buy America program and pipes still made with asbestos. He also felt the city would be back in the same vortex because of management of the water system.

Tracy Cotterill asked if there was a reason the PUD had not been asked to speak. Councilmember Wallace said the Council had chosen to table that until after the presentation from USDA and so it should be back on the next agenda. Mayor Hodo said he spoke with the PUD and asked them to give him written information so that when the PUD

comes to the Council there can be direct answers. Once he gets that written response from the PUD it will then go to the Council.

Denise Beaston asked to have her name added to the list of speakers for the open forum as she had neglected to sign up. Councilmember Wallace moved to allow her to speak and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Beaston then invited residents to the Egg Hunt on March 26th, beginning at 9:30 am, with raffle tickets handed out to children starting at 9:00 am, at the Gold Bar Elementary school.

Vicki McDaniel reiterated previous comments about hoping people understood what they had in the community and city response times.

Steve Fore talked about where rules come from going forward. He also talked about arsenic levels in water and had a report on levels. Mayor Hodo asked him to make copies of his report available to the Council and he agreed to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Dum 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

Gold Bar Open Forum Sign-in Sheet March 15, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Hodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Diaz, Martin and Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda adding the vouchers, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OPEN COUNCIL POSITION

Mayor Hodo stated that Ken Ware had presented a letter that he is interested in joining the Council. Mayor Hodo spoke in regards to Ken's prior experience as a Council Member. Mayor Hodo called for a motion to approve Ken Ware for Council. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to approve Ken Ware and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Office Manager Beaston administered the Oath of Office to Ken Ware. After the Oath, Councilmember Ware took his seat.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo talked about the AWC meeting that will be held in Granite Falls on April 12, 2016 at 6 o'clock, for new Councilmembers. Councilmember Ware stated that he would try and make it to that meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about the person previously arrested for burglaries and how he had thought that the person was still in custody but was wrong; the person was released a few days prior to that and Chief Casey was not aware of it. Since then there had been a report of another vehicle prowl with property stolen and then sold to another subject. Deputies were able to trace that back to the person previously arrested. That individual was picked up and booked into Snohomish County Jail on those charges and also on a warrant for failing to appear in court after being released the last time. As of this time he is still in custody on two accounts of residential burglary. Chief Casey did say that he had placed on the back table some sheets of paper with a website where citizens can look to see who has been booked into jail.

Chief Casey talked about an incident that took place the previous week where there had been multiple hit and runs on 8th, 9th and Timber Lane, and that subject was not booked. He stated that the juvenile detention center was funded by grants and those grants need to create a booking criteria that matched the state and federal guidelines and so for juveniles to be booked into jail they have to meet that criteria and the young man did not at the time, so they were not able to book him into juvenile detention that night, but they have forwarded the charging request to the prosecutor to review the case and consider filing the case for multiple accounts of hit and run and reckless driving.

Office Manager Beaston stated that she had attended the Farmers Market on Sunday and that it seemed to be going well. Councilmember Ware asked to be filled in on the Farmers Market. Ms. Beaston stated that a resident has started a Farmers Market on Orchard and 5th Street at the park and that they are looking for more vendors. The Farmers Market is open from 9-2 pm on Sundays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin attended a seminar on tourism in Index; the subject was outdoor adventures. She found it to be very inspiring and a little intimidating but there is a lot of possibilities and a lot of work to do, and it's going to spark a lot of discussion and forward thinking. There will be more seminars, with the next one being on the 12th that she will not be able to attend because she will be out of town. However there will be two more after that, which she will attend.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

- 1. Resolution # 16-01 Finance Committee. Mayor Hodo briefly explained the purpose of the Finance Committee and the reasoning being the resolution and who it consisted of. Councilmember Martin made a motion to approve Resolution 16-01 with Councilmember Wallace seconding the motion. Councilmember Martin had a question on wording within the resolution; a brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Ware made a motion to approve the Resolution 16-01 with amending the wording where it states weekly to bi-weekly; Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Resolution #16-02 Water Rate Assessment for Senior Citizens. Mayor Hodo briefly explained that the increase on the assessment had greatly impacted seniors and is a hardline for them. This resolution would lower the amount for those seniors that met the low income requirements. Some discussion ensued between Councilmembers on the wording within the resolution. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to table Resolution 16-02 until the next council meeting on April 19th. Councilmember Diaz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. Resolution #16-03, Transportation Improvement Board, 6yr. Mayor Hodo stated that this resolution is a 6 year resolution but it needs to be approved every year. Councilmember Martin made a motion to approve with Councilmember Wallace seconding the motion. Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and Mayor Hodo. Motion carried to approve.
- 4. Credit/Debit Reader. Mayor Hodo briefly explained the reasoning for needing a credit/debit card reader in the office. There was a brief discussion between Office Manager Beaston and councilmembers on the fees associated with the credit/debit card reader.

Chief Casey talked about what the county uses and how the county passes the fee onto the citizen so it offsets any fees that would be charged to the county.

Citizen Steve Fore stated he is the owner of Alpine Adventures and he uses the same bank as the city and the fees that are listed are quite reasonable. Mr. Fore stated that it's possible that the city can add a fee to the service to cover any cost, the only difficulty that he could see is that for Denise to know how the card qualifies and the fees that would be associated to the transaction.

5. PUD Water Feasibility Study. Mayor Hodo stated that Councilmember Wallace wanted the discussion on this item because there never had been any decision made. Councilmember Wallace stated that every person that he has talked to outside of people that come here to testify, not one person has been in favor of going to PUD that he has talked to. He wished that there would be a larger swath of the 600 to 700 people that are being affected by the fees, himself included, but like a councilmember had said before, no one shows up to the meetings. He had hoped that more people would attend after getting their first bill with the new rate. Much discussion ensued between the

councilmembers and Mayor Hodo. Mayor Hodo stated that if the council wanted to invite the PUD out then they could do so, or they could choose to do away with the discussion all together and go on with something else. More discussion ensued in regards to arsenic and well 4.

Mayor Hodo asked for a motion to do away with the feasibility study or to do it, either way it was up to council. Councilmember Diaz made a motion to do away with the feasibility study with Councilmember Martin seconding it. Councilmember Ware talked about it being something that can be revisited maybe in the future. Motion carried to do away with the feasibility study.

6. Cleaning of the upper tank and replacement of vent on top. Mayor Hodo stated it had been a couple years since the cleaning had been done and he briefly described what it entailed. Much discussion ensued. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to approve the cleaning of the tank with Councilmember Ware seconding the motion. Motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Diaz wanted to answer Steve Fore question from the last meeting on the concentration of the water and explained how the math should be done to get the correct concentration. Citizen Steven Fore responded to Councilmember Diaz's statement.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the March 15th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31273 through 31310, for a total of \$38,390.76 of which claims are \$23,279.11 and payroll \$15,111.65 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS -

Steven Fore stated that he sees a lot of good and some not so good. He talked in length about the people who attend and what they have wanted to see and that he feels they are being blown off. He went on to state that the Water Comp Plan is not correct and the water is not good.

Joanne Price asked how many tanks the city is using and if they are both in need of cleaning. Mayor Hodo stated that we are using two and that only one needed cleaning. Joanne went on to talk about the summer consumption and the need to raise it due to people who grow gardens. Councilmember Diaz stated that it will be talked about at the next meeting.

Councilmember Martin addressed the usage and that it is not been written in stone. Some discussion ensued.

Councilmember Diaz made a motion to put water usage allowance on the next council agenda with Councilmember Wallace seconding the motion. Brief discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Brook Aldrich from the apartments down on Croft Avenue West asked about pipe size. Office Manager Beaston briefly explained the meter sizes and the bills and asked for Mr. Aldrich to come into city hall so that she may go over his bill with him. Discussion ensued.

Chuck Lie stated that appreciated both Kendall and Diaz and that Ware came back. He was disappointed that he has not gotten his questions answered and that council has not followed through with what the citizens who have attended wanted.

Sharron Williams stated that she is a registered nurse and she thanked Lee for listening to her on the scrubber and that getting it would be 'bitchen'. She would like to see the feasibility study done since it's free. She presented information on arsenic.

Vickie McDaniel welcomed council and asked about getting a USDA loan for the scrubber and if the city is able to get another USDA loan since we currently have one. Mayor Hodo stated that you could have as many USDA loans as you can pay back. He continued by going over some of the projects that are currently being worked on.

Councilmember Ware talked about the arsenic in the wells and since listening to the citizens he has had a reversal in his decision and believes that we really need to have the feasibility study done. Mayor Hodo stated that even though the agenda was already over, he sees no reason why council could not invite Mr. Woods from PUD out to a council meeting. Much discussion ensued.

Councilmember Wallace made a motion to have PUD do the first free part of the feasibility study; Councilmember Ware seconded the motion. Much discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Mayor Hodo asked for a motion to allow him to formally invite Mr. Woods from PUD out for the council meeting that will be held on the 19th. Councilmember Diaz made a motion with Councilmember Ware seconding the motion. Motion carried.

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 8:15 pm.

Lee Hodo, Mayor, Lisa Stowe, Clerk





City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Hodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Diaz, Wallace, and Ware. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

Councilmember Wallace moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Martin and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo welcomed guest speaker Brent Wood from the PUD, who will speak during the open forum portion of the meeting. He said there would be time for citizen comment after he was done speaking, but the forum would be limited to thirty minutes.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk Stowe said when Mayor Hodo was seated she mistakenly said he would serve as Mayor for the full term. He will actually serve as the appointed mayor until the general election in 2017. She also said that someone had commented on phrasing in the Open Forum handout relating to removing disruptive people from the meeting. She said this holds true for all council meetings, and that if someone is disruptive, is asked to stop and doesn't, the mayor or facilitator has the power to ask to have the person removed. She said the wording did not mean that someone could be removed arbitrarily without any warning.

Office Manager Beaston was asked by Mayor Hodo to talk about water usage and quality. The water quality of PUD systems includes some satellite systems with arsenic. She compared the PUD price for water per cubic feet to Gold Bar's pricing per gallon, with the PUD pricing higher. She compared the pricing and usage between other cities, including Sultan and Monroe, and showed they allow less usage and charge more. She also pointed out that information on arsenic, usage, and pricing for PUD systems is on their website for anyone who cares to review the information.

Steve Fore said citizens should be allowed more than three minutes and said the PUD had more resources. Mayor Hodo said Mr. Fore was not asking a question of Ms. Beaston and that this was the staff comment period of the agenda. Mr. Fore talked about not being allowed to present information. Office Manager Beaston reminded him that he had presented information in the past and was welcome to do so again. Mr. Fore said garbage was being pushed down his throat. Mayor Hodo asked him to stop. Mr. Fore did not, and chose to leave the meeting voluntarily without being asked to leave by the Mayor, Council, staff, or Chief Casey.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ware attended a productive meeting hosted by the Association of Washington Cities, and said the City should have a GIS mapping system.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Maryann Sutton presented a handout to the Council with photos of the parking issues on May Creek Road due to overflow traffic from Wallace Falls State Park. Cars park fully on sidewalks, in front of hydrants, and narrow the road to the point that emergency vehicles will find it difficult to make it down the road. There was discussion around solutions, including marking and signage. Mayor Hodo will put this issue on the May 3rd agenda.

Joanna Price asked if any discussion happened relating to her comments at the previous meeting around water usage. It was pointed out that the topic was on the agenda and would be talked about at that time. Clerk Stowe realized that the agenda copies at the back door for citizens were not the correct version that the Council had. The correct version was displayed on the wall but Office Manager Beaston made copies and handed them out to the audience. Clerk Stowe apologized for the mistake.

Sharon Fore talked about arsenic and the symptoms of ingesting too much, and how she wants to educate the community.

Joe Beavers talked about the presence of arsenic in everything, including beer.

Rosalyn Santerne would like to move the location of the Farmer's Market to the other side of the highway as the present location is not attracting the desired demographic and is not visible. Her request included moving the Porta-Pottie. There was discussion around the move, if it was city business, and if it should be on the agenda at the next meeting. Clerk Stowe clarified that the change of location of the market itself is an issue dealt with through the event application process. The issue of the port-a-pottie is under Council jurisdiction because the original motion was to provide the service for the specific park to benefit more than just the people attending the market. Ms. Santerne's three minutes then ran out. Clerk Stowe asked the Council to consider giving her more time since Clerk Stowe used up some of her time in explaining city involvement. Councilmember Wallace moved to allow Ms. Santerne one more minute and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Ms. Santerne then said she would also like to have some sort of permanent banner on the highway to make the market more visible. The port-a-pottie question will be on the next agenda.

Chuck Lie talked about arsenic and beer, and cautioned women who were breastfeeding. He also suggested people talk to Tom Tiegen from Snohomish County Parks, as well as Hans Dunshee and Dave Somers because the parks department has another parking area for Wallace Falls and people should question why that isn't being used. He said that the city has wanted to encourage visitors and this parking issue is a result.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution 16-01, Finance Committee. Clerk Stowe missed the previous Council meeting when this resolution was originally presented. She was told that there was a mistake in wording relating to when the Finance Committee met. She corrected that wording, and then added wording allowing the committee to change meeting times in the event of an emergency. After making the changes she was told that the previous version had been adopted with the change from weekly to bi-weekly meetings. She told the Council they could choose to let the previous action stand, or to adopt this amended version with the emergency wording addition. After brief discussion, Councilmember Ware moved to adopt Resolution 16-01 as amended and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.
- 2. Resolution 16-02, Senior Discounts. Mayor Hodo explained that discounts for the elderly on social security were common, but discounts for all low-income people were not. Clerk Stowe said she understood there had been discussion at the last meeting around opening this discount to all low-income citizens. She said the Council could choose to adopt this resolution as presented in order to allow discounts for the elderly to start, and that a

Councilmember could then take on the project of researching what impacts there would be to City revenue if a discount was given to all low-income residents. Councilmember Diaz moved to accept Resolution 16-02 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried. Councilmember Ware called for a point of order saying that Mayor Hodo had not asked for discussion prior to the vote. There was no further discussion.

3. Council Position. Clerk Stowe said that at the last meeting in which Councilmember Ware was seated, the motion made at that time did not include which position he was appointed to. She said the Council could move to assign the position and that technically Councilmember Ware could vote but it would be awkward. Councilmember Ware said he would abstain from any vote, which meant there would not be a quorum to vote because of the one open seat and Councilmember Martin's absence. This action will take place at the May 3rd Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Usage. Councilmember Diaz would like to see the usage threshold raised to 7500 gallons during growing seasons. Mayor Hodo reminded the Council that the Department of Health requires the city to conserve water and that the conservation requirement is in the Water Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Ware asked about that requirement and Clerk Stowe said that it was a federal mandate. Councilmember Ware then asked why Washington DC cared about someone using a few gallons more in Gold Bar. Director Light reiterated that the City was mandated to conserve and that this was also in Water Efficiency reports. Councilmember Ware then moved to raise water usage thresholds to 7500 gallons during the growing season and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. During discussion, Joanne Price asked for clarification regarding what the growing season was. Councilmember Wallace said he felt the growing season was June, July, and August. Councilmember Ware then moved to amend his motion to allow 7500 gallons of water during June, July, and August and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - None

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Ware moved to accept the April 5th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31311 through 31335, with \$15,935.12 for payroll and \$5,888.51 for claims, for a total of \$21,823.63 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None (open forum meeting)

OPEN FORUM

The Open Forum began at 7:45 pm with Brent Wood from the PUD speaking on the water system. He talked about PUD systems, an overview of staff, satellite systems, the steps taken if the city wanted the PUD to take over the system, costs, PUD philosophy, and the PUD Capital Improvement Plan.

In particular, the PUD would initially do a basic study to see if it would be feasible to take over the system. After that study the PUD would then do a more formal feasibility study that could cost around \$30,000. There was discussion around grants that might cover the cost and that residents would have to cover the cost if grants would not be obtained.

There was discussion around the cost of water. The PUD charges a minimum flat rate of \$22.57 no matter what a person's usage is. On top of that are charges per usage and then an additional assessment or surcharge fee between \$40 and \$50. The rates are also subject to change every four to five years.

Mr. Wood agreed that some PUD systems have arsenic in the water, but, like the City, all are below required thresholds set by the Department of Ecology and the EPA.

Councilmember Ware asked if the PUD was a public entity. Mr. Wood said the PUD is a not-for-profit public utility for power and water only. Water is a small percentage of the utility. Councilmember Ware asked if the PUD would work with local communities to develop the community. Mr. Wood said that the PUD was in the business of selling water and power and not in the planning business. Councilmember Ware then clarified that the PUD could transfer water to other entities.

Ralph Wood asked if he would be charged for water he didn't use. Mr. Wood repeated that there was a flat minimum rate with a usage rate on top of that. The minimum rate is charged even if no water is used. A resident would also have to pay the surcharge fee.

Tracy Cotterill asked when the last time the PUD was turned down for a grant to cover the feasibility study. Mr. Wood said the PUD has been very successful in obtaining grants but can't say for certain that it would happen.

Chuck Lie talked about the aging system. He wanted to know if the Council became paralyzed would the PUD work independently. Mr. Wood said he was not sure what Mr. Lie was asking and said if the PUD took over the system the city would be out but that the PUD did not engage in hostile takeovers.

Vicki McDaniel asked about emergency response time. Mr. Wood said that in the event of an emergency the on-call staff would come out of Lake Stevens. Ms. McDaniel then asked if the PUD read meters. Mr. Wood said the PUD reads meters monthly at the same time they read electric meters. Ms. McDaniel asked if there was an unusual spike in water usage, as in when someone had a leak, would the homeowner be notified. Mr. Wood said the account would be flagged but there could be a delay in notifying the resident because the notification would come out with the bill.

At this point the time limit for the Open Forum was reached. Councilmember Diaz moved to allow an additional fifteen minutes and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

Joe Beavers asked if wells would be shut down and only May Creek system water used. Mr. Wood said this would be looked at during the feasibility study.

Chuck Lie asked if the system would automatically be fluoridated. Mr. Wood said that would happen only if water came from the Everett system.

Mayor Hodo asked how long it would take if this change were to happen. Mr. Wood talked about all the steps involved and said it could take between three and five years depending on whether the city funded the feasibility study instead of going through the grant process.

Councilmember Ware asked where the grant for the study came from and Mr. Wood said the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which meant it was a federal grant administered by the state. Councilmember Ware then asked if the city paid the \$30,000, would the city get that money back later. Mr. Wood said it would be added to the surcharge fee citizens paid.

Mayor Hodo then thanked Mr. Wood for attending, and thanked everyone present for their patience and their questions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Lisa Stowe, Clerk

City of Gold Bar Sign-in Sheet April 19, 2016 **Open Forum**

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Hodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Diaz, Martin, Wallace, and Ware. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

COUNCIL POSITIONS

Resident John Dawson submitted a letter of interest in the open council position. Councilmember Wallace moved to appoint John Dawson to Council position #1 and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Clerk Stowe administered the Oath of Office and Councilmember Dawson took his seat at the Council table.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo said information on an arsenic scrubber was given to the Council. He also reminded the Council that their packets are available by Thursdays and they were encouraged to pick up their packets by Monday in order to have time to review the material.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about a recent home invasion where an elderly woman had to shoot an intruder. Chief Casey has heard people cheering the shooter but reminded everyone that there is a lot of trauma for all involved. He said the woman has not been charged with a crime. An investigation is ongoing and could take months. After the investigation is done a prosecutor will determine whether to prosecute or not. Chief Casey reminded everyone that this is normal procedure for any homicide.

Clerk Stowe researched the federal mandate for water conservation, which was a question brought up by Councilmember Ware at the last meeting. The federal Safe Drinking Water Act required the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set guidelines for water conservation. The EPA then issued, as a result, the Water Conservation Plan for public water systems requiring them to document water conservation. The Washington Department of Health is the lead agency for the state under this federal mandate. The relevant Revised Code of Washington (RCW) is RCW 70.119A.180.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wallace is seeing a lot of interest in the Farmer's Market and feels the city should encourage this event.

Councilmember Martin attended an emergency preparedness training with Office Manager Beaston. She also attended meetings on the proposed water trail along the Skykomish River, and on agricultural and culinary tourism. She mentioned a recent article in the Herald that talked about bouldering in the Gold Bar area and felt this was another resource.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Vicky McDaniel welcomed Councilmember Dawson and thanked him for representing residents. She asked Chief Casey if there was a way to get Ray Coleman's reports to Block Watch captains in formats other than social media. Chief Casey will ask Mr. Coleman.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 1. Council Position. When the Oath of Office was administered to Councilmember Ware, a position was not assigned. Clerk Stowe checked with Snohomish County Elections and was told that the Oath was legal but that a position needed to be assigned. Since Councilmember Dawson was assigned Position #1, that, by default, left Position #2 open. Councilmember Ware confirmed that both positions had the same term. Clerk Stowe then administered a revised Oath of Office to Councilmember Ware, seating him in Position #2.
- 2. Water Usage Thresholds. The action taken at the last Council meeting raising water usage during June, July, and August had the potential to benefit Councilmembers financially, either personally or through any businesses they may own. Clerk Stowe said she should have asked Councilmembers to disclose any financial gain. She also said that it was understood that any action by the Council had the potential to benefit them due to the fact that they lived in the city. This was different because of the financial aspect. She suggested vacating the motion and placing it on the agenda at the next meeting. That would allow her to clarify any financial benefits and would also allow Councilmember Dawson time to review the information. She said this would still allow time to enact the threshold change prior to June 1st.

Councilmember Ware moved to vacate the motion and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion.

Councilmember Wallace then asked if the motion should not also include placing the action on the next agenda.

Councilmember Ware then said he felt this action was aimed at him specifically because of his blueberry farm business. He said he did not utilize water for his business. Clerk Stowe told him this had nothing to do with him personally. After discussion Councilmember Ware moved to amend his motion to vacate the motion adjusting water usage thresholds during June, July, and August, and to place the change on the next agenda for action.

Councilmember Martin seconded the amended motion. With no further discussion a vote was called for and the motion passed.

3. Wallace Falls State Park Vehicle Parking. Mayor Hodo updated the Council that 'No Parking' signs had been ordered and would be installed once they arrive. He appreciates people coming to Gold Bar but also recognizes that they cannot inconvenience residents. Councilmember Ware said residents could put signs out and charge for parking on their property. Director Light said a recreational overlay was done during the Comprehensive Plan process that included the area in question and that parking on private property was an allowable use.

Councilmember Ware said a former mayor told the Council that park officials were amenable and that there may be another parking lot available. Mayor Hodo agreed with this and also said people were parking along the streets when the parking lot was empty in order to avoid paying the park fee.

Councilmember Ware said he did not advocate parking along the streets due to the need for emergency ingress and egress.

Resident MaryAnn Sutten thanked the Council for their quick response to the parking issue. She handed out more photos, including ones of cars parking less than five feet from fire hydrants. She asked that the pavement be painted to delineate the area of no parking around hydrants. Mayor Hodo asked Councilmember Martin to contact the fire department. There was brief discussion around whether the hydrants in question were in city limits. Either way, they are within the fire department jurisdiction.

Jay Prueher said the parking issue is untenable for residents and that the street gets narrowed down to a walkway. He talked about the roads involved, the number of cars, and that the problem is shared by both the County and the State. He felt both entities should share in fixing the problem and also talked about gravelling right of ways.

Al White said the city should create more parking.

Councilmember Dawson asked how parking violations would be enforced. This would be done through giving out tickets.

Mayor Hodo said he would ask someone from the County to come up.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution #16-04, Public Records Processing Procedures. Because Councilmember Dawson has not had time to review this resolution, and those Councilmembers who were unable to get packets prior to the meeting also had not had time to review, Councilmember Diaz moved to place this Resolution on the next agenda, and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.
- 2. Port-a-Pottie Location. Councilmember Diaz moved to allow the location of the port-a-pottie to be determined by the Mayor and staff as needed and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion.

There was a great deal of discussion around port-a-potties in general, the need for them in parks, if the budget could handle paying for two, purchasing vs. renting, the number of people using the facility, when it should be locked vs. open, whether a port-a-pottie should be tied to the permit application process, the need to provide services if a park is provided, the sanitary issues of having to move one often, the cost of renting, the need to bring community together, and health department regulations requiring one when there is are food services. Clerk Stowe reminded everyone that there was an open motion on the table and discussion should be limited to that motion.

Discussion then continued, including that staff should review locations, the need to pick the lock when it's not open, and that farmer's market staff should have a key. People then returned to previous discussion points for more discussion.

Mayor Hodo called for a vote on the motion and the motion carried.

- 3. Resolution #16-03 Amending the Fee Schedule. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Resolution #16-03 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried. Councilmember Dawson asked if the charge for CDs and DVDs was for the actual product or the material on the product. Mayor Hodo clarified that it can be for both if allowed by law.
- 4. Resolution #16-05, Amending Title 5. Clerk Stowe said she mistakenly formatted this amendment as a resolution when it should have been an ordinance. Councilmember Wallace moved to place this as an ordinance on the next agenda and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Clerk Stowe said the Council could still review the body of the resolution as that won't change.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Ware said he would be absent at the May 17th meeting. Councilmember Wallace moved to excuse Councilmember Ware's absence and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried with Councilmember Ware abstaining.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

This item typically on the agenda was inadvertently removed. Mayor Hodo allowed this period under other business.

There was more discussion from residents around the parking issue with discussion including topics previously talked about, including wanting updates, that tickets wouldn't work, enforcement, charging for parking, and the request to have Dave Somers meet with the city.

There was continued discussion around the port-a-pottie including when to have it locked.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the April 19th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve vouchers 31336 through 31366, with \$25,407.93 for payroll and \$99,034.09 for claims, for a total of \$124,442.02 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Ware moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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Gold Bar Council Meeting Sign-in Sheet May 3, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Hodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Dawson, Diaz, Martin, Wallace, and Ware. Also present was Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried. Clerk Stowe said the final citizen comment section would actually be the open forum.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo has a meeting set up with a property owner to discuss parking issues around Wallace Falls. The property owner is considering allowing parking, with groups like the Boy Scouts collecting fees and the money then donated to that group.

Mayor Hodo will attend a meeting June 3rd with the County Council regarding tax increases for law enforcement,

Mayor Hodo asked the Council to research a Transportation Improvement District. The city considered this in 2014 but at the time it was complicated. Legislation has now made it a simpler process. He reminded the Council that at the time, potential revenue for the city would have been around \$40,000 and that if the city does not elect to create a district, the County will set one up and the city won't see any revenue. He recommended that the Council start their research with Municipal Research Services Center.

Mayor Hodo also asked the Council to consider offering insurance coverage to employee spouses.

Mayor Hodo asked Ray Coleman to speak to the Council regarding Law Enforcement Week. Mr. Coleman talked about the history of National Law Enforcement Week and the memorial wall in Washington DC. He asked that everyone remember all those lost and named those lost in Washington. He included the K9 officers who died in the line of duty. He suggested people look at the Officers Down Memorial Page online for more information on those officers who's End of Watch was this year. He asked everyone to remember our deputies and to help keep them safe.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey said flags were to be at half-mast on the 18th in memory of the local National Guard member who was killed recently. Chief Casey also talked about the Proctor Creek fire. He said the fire department did a great job containing the fire with wind blowing like it was. Chief Casey then reminded everyone how cold the river water still is, and the dangers of that cold, the high water levels, and the risks of whitewater.

Regarding Mr. Coleman's presentation, Chief Casey talked about protecting communities, personal protection, and the Below One Hundred program to help in reducing deaths and impacts on the community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin said she was proud of agency responses to the fire and asked everyone to be aware of increased fire danger.

Councilmember Ware said he'd been previously excused from attending this meeting but was able to after all.

Councilmember Dawson has a son in law enforcement and talked about what can be done to help keep officers safe. Chief Casey said it helps to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement, to be aware of a person's surroundings and to call in. He also said it was equally important to not hesitate to report police officers if they are do something unsafe. Last year more officers died from intentional violent acts than in car accidents, which were the more typical causes of officer death.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tracy Cotterill thanked Chief Casey and officers for their response to another issue with the VFW Hall and renters. She wondered if VFW needed a business license since they rented the building out. She also asked about a feasibility study with the PUD.

Dorothy Crowshaw said if liquor is offered at the VFW then a liquor license is required but the VFW is a non-profit organization so no business license is required. She also said there is supposed to be no noise after 10:00 pm and nominal noise prior.

Mayor Hodo said he hasn't heard anything about the feasibility study and the Council could take that up if they wished.

Vicky McDaniel thanked Mr. Coleman and asked for more information on Law Enforcement Week. She also asked Councilmember Martin to pass on her thanks for the hard work done on the fire. She said things were well organized and people were kept well informed. She asked if anyone knew how it started but there is no information on that yet.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 1. Water Usage Thresholds. Clerk Stowe told the Council that the difference between using 6,000 gallons and 7500 gallons works out to around \$9.00 in additional fees. Councilmember Diaz moved to increase water usage to 7500 gallons in the months of June, July, and August, and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. Clerk Stowe then asked the Council to disclose any financial benefit from this action. Each Councilmember has the potential to benefit financially simply from living within city limits and the benefit would be the same as for any resident. Councilmember Ware said he has a blueberry farm business but did not benefit financially as he does not use water for the farm. Clerk Stowe then said that none of the financial benefit disclosures precluded Councilmembers from voting on the motion. Mayor Hodo then called for a vote and the motion carried.
- 2. Resolution #16-04, Public Records Processing Procedures. Councilmember Diaz moved to adopt Resolution #16-04 and Councilmember Ware seconded the motion. Councilmember Dawson had concerns about the section on accepting oral requests. After discussion the Council felt the city should not accept oral requests. Clerk Stowe will ask the city attorney about making changes.

Councilmember Wallace had concerns about the disclaimer of liability and the statement that if staff acted on good faith they would not be accountable. He felt that was in conflict with the list of RCWs attached, because if there was a violation of the RCW, staff could still be accountable whether they acted in good faith or not. Clerk Stowe will also ask the city attorney about this. Councilmember Wallace also recommended changing a phrase relating to contact information.

Because further information was needed before taking action, Councilmember Diaz asked Clerk Stowe for the best way to handle the motion he'd made. After brief discussion Mayor Hodo called for a vote and the motion died for lack of action.

Councilmember Wallace then moved to have the resolution sent back to the city attorney for answers to their questions and with a second by both Councilmembers Diaz and Dawson, the motion carried.

3. Ordinance #691, Amending Title 5, Business Licenses. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #691 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance # 692, Amending Title 15, Buildings and Construction. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Ordinance #692 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Ware the motion carried.
- 2. Resolution #16-06, Financial Plan. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Resolution #16-06 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Councilmember Dawson asked about voter registration fees and that he thought voting was free. Clerk Stowe explained that cities pay a percentage of election costs, based on the number of registered voters in city limits.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Wallace asked to be excused from the June 21st and July 5th Council meetings. Councilmember Martin moved to excuse Councilmember Wallace and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

Councilmember Martin reminded everyone that Law Enforcement Week also included EMTs.

Councilmember Diaz asked if insurance for spouses, as brought up earlier by Mayor Hodo, wasn't standard for cities. Mayor Hodo told him only if cities could afford it. There was brief discussion around costs and what percentage the city would cover. With no further discussion, Councilmember Ware moved to allow insurance coverage for spouses and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the May 3rd, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31367 through 31392, with \$2200.00 for payroll and \$31173.24 for claims, for a total of \$33373.24 as presented and both Councilmembers Martin and Wallace seconded the motion. Councilmember Dawson asked about the difference in payroll costs as compared to the previous meeting. Clerk Stowe said employees are paid monthly but that some elected to take a mid-month draw. With no further discussion a vote was called for and the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Tracy Cotterill asked if the city had plans to make fireworks education a higher priority this year. After discussion, Clerk Stowe said she would ask Office Manager Beaston about putting up signs earlier than normal.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting Open Forum

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Gold Bar Council Meeting

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, June 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Hodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Dawson, Diaz, Martin, Wallace, and Ware. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to amend the agenda to move the open public hearing to follow the agenda approval and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:02. The applicable agenda was the City's Critical Areas Ordinance update. Clerk Stowe informed those present that testimony would only be received if it was relevant to the applicable agenda, that any party could request that the hearing be continued, or that the record be kept open for a period of time. She said the Council must be impartial and must disclose any ex parte contact, breaches of the appearance of fairness, or any conflict of interest regarding the applicable agenda. No Councilmember disclosed any reason to be recused from the public hearing.

Clerk Stowe reminded the audience to sign the public hearing sign in sheet if they wanted to speak on the applicable agenda. She then opened the hearing to discussion and comments.

Director Light gave a brief background regarding the requirement to periodically update the critical areas ordinance. BHC consultants Abby Weber and Talia Tittelfitz were present. Ms. Weber spoke about the Growth Management Act requirements to update development regulations, types of critical areas, the city's responsibility to protect those areas, and the City's requirement to delineate critical areas. Ms. Weber then reviewed what changes would be in the update.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Clerk Stowe asked if there was any reason to continue the hearing, and there was not. She then told the Council that they must make a motion to deny, approve, or approve with conditions, the topic of the hearing.

Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the update to the Critical Areas Ordinance with the condition of making that Ordinance readily available, and Councilmember Diaz seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion carried, with Councilmember Ware opposed.

Councilmember Diaz then moved to adjourn the Open Public Hearing and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried. The Hearing was adjourned at 7:16 and the regular Council agenda was returned to at that time.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo talked about the increase in legal expenses as a result of public records requests.

Mayor Hodo met with the County regarding their proposed 2/10% increase in sales tax. A portion of that will go toward law enforcement. He talked about the increase in heroin use and the need to avoid law enforcement layoffs.

Mayor Hodo presented an award to Makena Thelen for her community activities and achievements.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about Brandon Perecz, missing since last Tuesday and last seen swimming in the Skykomish. He encouraged people to call if Mr. Perecz was seen.

Chief Casey also talked about a dark gray Ford Crown Vic that is made up to look like a police car, with a light bar, computer console, dashboard camera, and decals. The decal may look official but it is actually an Area 51 novelty sticker. While it is not illegal for someone to dress up as an officer, it is illegal if the person takes action, such as using lights to navigate traffic. Chief Casey asks that people call in if any illegal action is seen.

There is a new phone number to call for non-emergencies. Cards and flyers are available at the City Hall and posted in public areas. The number is 425-407-3999.

Clerk Stowe said that at the previous meeting there was confusion around how discussion took place with motions. She was asked for clarification. The Council discusses an agenda item generally in order to determine a course of action. Once a motion is made, the discussion can then only be on that motion.

Director Light talked about the recent work cleaning water tanks and the good shape they were in.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wallace commended Makena Thelen and said he hoped more awards will come her way. Councilmember Martin also commended Ms. Thelen and said it was good to see young people being supportive and positive.

Councilmember Martin attended meetings and talked about the Department of Fish and Wildlife's bookmark competition. Mayor Hodo thanked Councilmember Martin for attending meetings.

Councilmember Dawson asked for more information on heroin use. Chief Casey told him that Snohomish County leads the nation in heroin use, but is also leading in response in how to deal with it.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joanne Price thanked the Council for raising water thresholds. She then asked them to do something about the noise nuisance at the VFW Hall. There was discussion around whether she could attend VFW meetings, the level of noise, the lack of neighbors reporting, and the City's noise ordinance.

Tracy Cotterill also talked about the VFW problem.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Resolution #16-04, Public Records Procedures. At the previous meeting the Council had questions about the Procedures manual and referred those questions to the city attorney. Her response was reviewed. There was a great deal of discussion around oral requests, the legality of accepting them, the potential need for some, such as elderly citizens, to submit oral requests, and how to administer those types of requests. There was also a great deal of discussion and confusion around the word 'and'.

Councilmember Dawson moved to change the language of the Public Records Policies and Procedures Manual to add the word 'and' to section #2(A) and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. There was then more discussion around the motion. Councilmember Dawson moved to amend his motion to make the phrase 'and/or' and Councilmember Diaz seconded the amended motion. Mayor Hodo then called for a vote on the amended motion and the motion carried with Councilmember Ware opposed.

Councilmember Diaz then moved to adopt Resolution #16-04 relating to the Public Records Policies and Procedures Manual as amended and Councilmember Ware seconded the motion. There was discussion again around how to handle taking oral requests. Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that it is the Council's job to set policy, but the job of the Mayor and staff to decide how to administer those policies. With no further discussion a vote was called for and the motion carried.

- 2. Ordinance #693, Title 5, Business Licenses Amendment. Clerk Stowe told the Council that the ordinance had been numbered incorrectly at the last meeting as Ordinance #691. Councilmember Ware moved to adopt Ordinance #693 relating to Business Licenses as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.
- 3. Ordinance #694, Title 15, Buildings and Construction. Councilmember Ware moved to adopt Ordinance #694 relating to Buildings and Construction as presented and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. There was discussion around the location of parking, the clarification that parking on public property is administered with other sections of the Municipal Code, parking behind fences, enforcement when traveling recreational vehicles are lived in, and when those become junk vehicles. With no further discussion a vote was called for and the motion carried.
- 4. PUD Water Feasibility Study. Brant Wood from the PUD submitted his report on the initial feasibility study. Councilmember Diaz saw no reason to move forward. Councilmember Martin suggested thanking Mr. Wood for his work, but she saw no benefit to the City in going forward. Councilmember Wallace felt that overall costs for repairs might be cheaper down the road, but he has never seen water rates go down. Councilmember Ware said he was not prepared to make a decision and it could be a few months before a decision was made. Councilmember Dawson talked about consultants making the customer pay.

There was discussion around the next step, which would be the feasibility study that could cost around \$30,000, the chances of obtaining a grant to cover that, the costs residents would be responsible for, and current grants for utility work on hold until the City makes a determination.

Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that Mr. Wood had said the feasibility study with the associated costs would require a letter of intent to relinquish the water system to the PUD.

Councilmember Ware discussed initiating a sewer system study with Director Light. He does not see losing the water system as reason for un-incorporating, nor does he wish to see the city as remaining status quo.

Councilmember Diaz moved to not pursue the second feasibility study and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion carried, with Councilmember Wallace opposed and Councilmember Ware abstaining.

Mayor Hodo reminded the Council that they could always revisit this at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #695, Title 8, Public Nuisances. Councilmember Ware questioned striking the phrase 'within the city'. He also asked if the current issues with the VFW Hall shouldn't be addressed. Chief Casey clarified that this amendment is only one piece of the Nuisance ordinance and was suggested to clarify wording that will be upheld in court. Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #695 relating to Public Nuisances for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin clarified that Director Light would now be able to move ahead with obtaining grants for water system work. Director Light will talk about engineering costs at the next meeting.

Councilmember Ware thanked Councilmember Martin for going to meetings and asked for ways other Councilmembers could get involved. Mayor Hodo will pass on meeting requests. Councilmember Diaz is also interested in becoming involved with the meetings.

Councilmember Dawson said he is going to review the public nuisance regulations.

Councilmember Wallace asked for an update on the Transportation Board District. There was discussion around the formation of the district and that the City could elect to form the district but not enact it. This would keep the County or other jurisdictions from forming a district in city limits and taking any revenue. There was discussion on how such a district would be administered. Mayor Hodo asked the Council to consider the formation and will talk more about this at the next meeting.

Councilmember Martin thanked Director Light for the flags on stop signs.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the May 17th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31393 through 31427, with \$29,593.67 for payroll and \$9,469.42 for claims, for a total of \$39,063.09 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Lie said he was speechless.

Dorothy Crowshaw thanked the Council for turning down the feasibility study.

Tracy Cotterill asked the Council to keep an open mind about what the PUD can do for the city.

Mr. Lie asked to modify his citizen comment to say he agreed with Ms. Cotterill.

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 8:51 pm.

Hodo , Lee Hodo, Mayor

, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting

Open Public Hearing, Critical Areas Ordinance Update Sign-in Sheet June 7, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, June 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Hodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Councilmembers Dawson, Diaz, Martin, and Ware. Also present was Chief Casey. Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Wallace's absence was excused at the June 7th Council meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda to remove Resolution #16-05 from the agenda and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. This resolution will be on the agenda for July 5th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo talked about recent increases in gas taxes and tab fees, and how this could potentially impact a transportation improvement district. He also talked about maintenance work being done around the city hall, and how busy the farmer's market has been.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey said Brandon Perecz is still missing and asked for the public's help.

Director Light talked about water use and the efficiency report. There was discussion around the requirement to conserve, set goals, educate people, water leaks and their predictability, and how during the recent hot days, water usage in the city went from the typical 185,000 gallons to 850,000 gallons.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin attended a follow-up meeting on tourism and talked about encouraging the bouldering community to come to Gold Bar.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance #695, Title 8, Public Nuisances. Councilmember Dawson asked what the phrase 'unconstitutionally vague' meant and Chief Casey explained that some phrases are vague enough to not stand up in court. After brief discussion, Councilmember Ware moved to accept Ordinance #695 for a second reading and adoption, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.
- 2. Transportation Improvement District. There was discussion around the formation of this district, including recent increases in fuel tax and tab fees, that the County could create a district for Gold Bar and raise fees immediately, how the city could create a district and withhold creating increases for two years, and that the revenue had to be

project specific. After discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to create a Transportation Benefit District and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance #696, Critical Areas Update. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #696 for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried with Councilmember Ware opposed.
- 2. 10th Street Engineering. Engineering costs for work on 9th and 10th streets will be around \$89,000. There was discussion around specifics of the water main project, the cost of the project, the possibility of obtaining a loan through USDA, and the inexpensive cost for the engineering design compared to more typical fees. Councilmember Diaz moved to approve \$89,000 for engineering for this project and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Dawson has utilized Municipal Research Services Center and the Association of Washington Cities, and asked what the difference was between municipal codes and ordinances. Clerk Stowe explained that ordinances create the municipal code.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Ware moved to amend the minutes to correct a statement he made and to correct the spelling of Mr. Perecz's name, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31428 through 31457, with \$2,200.00 for payroll and \$26,619.40 for claims, for a total of \$28,819.40 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Inessa Pearce, president of the Skykomish Valley Environmental and Economic Alliance talked about the issues with toxic spraying and clear cut logging. There was discussion around the city's limited ability to assist in anything outside of city limits, problems with logging, issues with parking and the State parks, and funding for the State parks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

, Lee Hodo. Mayor

, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting
Open Forum Sign-in Sheet
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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 5, 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 Chief Casey, Office Manager Denise Beaston, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Wallace's absence was excused at the June 7th Council meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Ware moved to amend the agenda to add Resolution #16-07 and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried. Councilmember Ware asked why the agenda was amended so often and Clerk Stowe explained that items for the agenda come in between the time Council packets are ready and the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT - none

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey said Brandon Perecz is still missing and asked for the public's help. He also talked about a woman who drowned in the Snohomish River, and that car prowls are on the rise, especially at trailheads and along the river. August 2 will be National Night Out, with new presenters. The event begins at Family Grocer at 6:30 for the parade to the elementary school.

Clerk Stowe presented a brief report on the mid-year review of the budget.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin will be attending the Sky to Sound Coalition meeting.

Councilmember Ware asked people to be aware of their surroundings and to act safely.

Both Councilmember Ware and Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Casey for his work over the 4th of July holiday.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ray Coleman commended Pat Tolman and Dick King for using their personal vehicles to deliver food for the food bank after the food bank truck was stolen.

Tracy Cotterill thanked Mayor Hodo for his assistance with a water line break and a party at the VFW hall. She also thanked Chief Casey for his assistance.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 1. Coastal Community Bank Presentation. Office Manager Denise Beaston introduced Stacey Reynolds with Coastal Community Bank who gave a PowerPoint presentation on using card readers. She talked about the benefits and costs associated with the city utilizing these readers so citizens can pay bills at the City Hall with debit or credit cards. There was discussion around costs to the city, the need for an internet connection, security, fraud, chip cards and chip readers, support services, and fixed rates. After discussion the Council chose to consider the information for the next meeting.
- 2. Ordinance #696, Critical Areas, Councilmember Dawson talked about how often amendments can be made. Councilmember Diaz moved to adopt Ordinance #696 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried, with Councilmember Ware opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution 16-05, Fee Schedule Amendment. There was discussion around the sizes of water connections, expenses that substantiate the increase, and how long it's been since there was an increase. Councilmember Ware moved to adopt Resolution 16-05 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.
- 2. Resolution 16-06, Gold Dust Days, Clerk Stowe amended this annual resolution so that it does not have to be adopted every year unless there are changes. Councilmember Dawson pointed out a mistake in numbering the sections. After brief discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to adopt Resolution 16-06 as amended to correct numbering and with a second by both Councilmembers Martin and Dawson, the motion carried.
- 3. Resolution 16-07, Public Records Officer. Councilmember Dawson asked if this position would be filled by someone currently on staff and Mayor Hodo said yes. Councilmember Ware said future mayors may choose to handle this position differently and Councilmember Dawson said that was why the wording in the resolution said 'designate and/or hire'. With no further discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to adopt Resolution 16-07 and with a second by both Councilmember Martin and Dawson, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - none

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Ware moved to approve the minutes as presented and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Councilmember Dawson then asked to amend the minutes in one section where Councilmember Wallace was named rather than Councilmember Dawson. Councilmember Wallace was absent. Councilmember Ware then moved to amend his motion to amend the minutes and Councilmember Martin seconded the amended motion. With no further discussion a vote was called for and the amended motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31458 through 31492, with \$35,335.76 for payroll and \$11,184.73 for claims, for a total of \$46,520.49 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Lie agrees with Mayor Hodo.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Lee Hodo, Mayor
, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting Open Forum Sign-in Sheet July 5, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 19, 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, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo asked Ray Coleman to read a letter written by the Arlington Chief of Police to President Obama.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey brought in flowers from his wife that included a white rose for each deputy. He said he feels supported in this community and that while deputies are under more stress than normal, they are committed to continuing to treat everyone with respect and to take care of the community.

Clerk Stowe said the annual interlocal for the Snohomish County Regional Drug Task Force was in Council boxes for their review. The interlocal will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Director Light sees the deputies in action every day, including this day when dealing with an upset woman. He talked about surveying water mains on 9th and 10th streets, work on a grant for sidewalks along the post office side of 10th Street, and the deadline for the grant submittal. He would like to have the grant ready for Council action at the August Council meeting as the grant deadline is the 19th. The City will have to pay 25% of the grant.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Casey. She also talked about the water trail project and how she is looking forward to Gold Dust Days.

Councilmember Ware expressed his appreciation to Chief Casey. He likes Chief Casey's approach to enforcement of law and how the deputies sympathize with people. He said throughout his life encounters with law enforcement have not always been positive, but that is not true of encounters with Snohomish County deputies.

Councilmember Dawson also said he appreciated Chief Casey and what he does. Councilmember Dawson asked if the woman who drowned a few weeks ago was the same woman who hitchhikes regularly in the area, which it was not

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ray Coleman echoed Councilmember Ware's comments about the deputies and thanked them.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

 Coastal Community Bank Card Readers. Mayor Hodo asked the Council to consider this for action at the next Council meeting. Clerk Stowe and Office Manager Beaston drafted a short memo on potential costs. Mayor Hodo feels it is a lot of money to come out of the general fund with no way to recoup that cost.

Councilmember Diaz likes the idea of providing the service and feels the city needs to be modern. Councilmember Wallace asked why users could not absorb the cost. Clerk Stowe told him that the city would need contracts in place with each credit card company, and each company would also audit the city. Councilmember Martin is interested in the option of paying \$90.00 for a reader to try it first. There was brief discussion about how much it would cost the city for uses like land use permitting with high fees. Councilmember Ware is basically in favor of the concept and feels the water rates could be raised to cover the costs. Councilmember Dawson verified that this would be sole-sourced with Coastal Community bank. There was brief discussion around Chip reading.

Councilmembers Wallace and Dawson would like to ask Office Manager Beaston to get an idea how many people would be interested in using cards.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Fire Department Presentation. Fire Chief Andrews presented a PowerPoint presentation that included the topics of department organization, its history, how it is governed, services provided, potential threats from disasters, and issues around evacuations. There was discussion around these topics, plus natural gas lines that run through the city, the Proctor Creek fire, evacuation drills and highway 2, See-City software, and the fire department's wish to utilize the small building beside the fire department for staff sleeping quarters. The building is currently used by the City. Mayor Hodo said the city would look at what is in the building and the possibility of sharing the building.
- 2 Next Council Meeting. Because the August 2nd Council meeting falls on the same night as National Night Out, there was discussion around moving the meeting time. Councilmember Diaz moved to change the date of the Council meeting to August 3rd and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried, with Councilmember Ware abstaining. Councilmember Diaz then moved to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Wallace and Ware and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Ware asked about the costs of a few line items in the financial report, including legal services. Clerk Stowe explained that the line items he mentioned are a higher percentage because they are annual fees. Mayor Hodo said legal fees are higher than anticipated because the City is completing older public records requests. Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that they review budgets at the fund level rather than the line item level, and that the fund itself is well below the anticipated percentage. Councilmember Ware asked about the process if the fund were to exceed its budget and Clerk Stowe said it would be the same process as normal, with a budget amendment. Councilmember Dawson said he did the math and legal fees are 4.5% of the total fund costs and even if those costs doubled they would not exceed the budget.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Ware moved to approve the July 5th, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31493 through 31518, with \$2,200.00 for payroll and \$22,134.73 for claims, for a total of \$24,334.73 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Chuck Lie said he does not need to be misquoted or taken out of context.

Ray Coleman talked about evacuation routes, no buses in town for school kids during the day, and security concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Ware, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Gold Bar Council Meeting Open Forum Sign-in Sheet July 19, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 3, 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, and Martin. Also present was Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe. The absences of Councilmembers Wallace and Ware were excused at the July 19th meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey said National Night Out had a low turnout due to the weather and an event in Sultan, but that it still went well. The most popular part appeared to be the presence of a bomb sniffing dog and the bear dogs.

Clerk Stowe will be offering notary services.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin attended the River Trail meeting and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming meeting on August 8th, from six pm to 8 pm at the Sultan High School commons.

Councilmember Martin received a donation of an AED for city hall from Dr. Donkers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Dawson moved to appoint Councilmember Martin as the Mayor Pro-Tem and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.
- 2. Snohomish County Drug Task Force Interlocal. This is an annual interlocal between the city and the drug task force. There was brief discussion on how helpful this task force is, the difference between upper and mid-level drug trafficking, and the low cost compared to what the task force does. The annual fee is \$740. Councilmember Martin moved to approve the interlocal as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

- 3. Resolution 16-07, Hazard Mitigation. This is an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Councilmember Diaz moved to adopt Resolution #16-07 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.
- 4. Ordinance #697, Title 3. Purchasing. This ordinance clarifies wording in two sections that could be seen as conflicting. Councilmember Diaz moved to accept Ordinance #697 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.
- 5. 10th Street Grant Approval. The city is applying for a grant for work on 10th Street as discussed at previous meetings. The City's matching cost will be ten percent of the grant, or \$26,103. There was clarification around the cost being the City's share of the grant and not a fee to apply for the grant. Councilmember Diaz moved to approve the ten percent cost to the city and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin again encouraged people to attend the River Trail meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve the July 19th, 2016 minutes as presented and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Councilmember Dawson asked for the minutes to be amended relating to his comments on the percentage of legal costs in the budget. Councilmember Diaz then moved to amend his motion and adopt the minutes as amended. With a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31519 through 31558, with \$31,770.10 for payroll and \$114,106.74 for claims, for a total of \$145,876.84 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting

Sign-in Sheet August 16, 2016

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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 Weyerhauser 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.

La Hodo Lee Hodo, Mayor

, Lisa Stowe, Clerk





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.

Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting

Sign-in Sheet September 6, 2016

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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 , Lee Hodo, Mayor , Lisa Stowe, Clerk



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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

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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 1st 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 24th.

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 4th, 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 Hoch , Lee Hodo, Mayor

, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Open Forum Sign-in Sheet October 18, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, November 1, 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 submitted a resignation letter.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda to add the date of minutes to be approved and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about recent burglaries outside of the city that have been traced back to a Gold Bar local. He also said that squatters were evicted from a place outside of the city but that those people are now showing up. The Sheriff's Department continues to offer housing and resources for the homeless and several have taken advantage of that.

Clerk Stowe gave the Council a copy of the letter related to the Singletary timber sale for their information. She also gave them copies of Councilmember Ware's resignation letter.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin attended an economic alliance meeting,

Mayor Hodo thanked Councilmember Wallace for taking the lead on solid waste and doing such a good job.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jeff McMahon of Waste Management was present to answer questions. He is a senior district manager, services the area, and would be thrilled to provide service to the city. He said the company has well-seasoned staff that have done similar transitions many times and can make them seamless. He hopes the city will consider Waste Management.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Solid Waste Services. Councilmember Wallace received an email from Republic reviewing their offer and saying they would like to address the Council at the November 15th meeting. Councilmember Diaz asked if Republic had given any figures yet. They have not but Councilmember Wallace said those might come in early enough to review before the 15th meeting. There was discussion around costs and available services, with the Council asking for further information from Jeff McMahon. Discussion included the following: yard waste containers are available in smaller sizes for less cost and yard waste can be cancelled seasonally; recycling is bi-weekly but residents receive a

much larger tote at 96 gallons rather than 64; both Republic and Waste Management charge a minimal rental fee for recycle totes but residents can also use their own containers; all containers come in a variety of sizes; Waste Management offers customized services so those who generate less garbage can receive bi-weekly or monthly pickup for a lesser fee; and whether the city should give Republic the chance to present again.

Councilmember Wallace moved to wait on making a decision until the city hears what Republic has to say and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried. This will be placed on the agenda for November 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing, 2017 Budget. The public hearing was called to order at 7:22 pm and Clerk Stowe reviewed the hearing process. No Councilmembers disclosed any reason to be recused from the hearing.

Clerk Stowe presented further preliminary figures for the budget. The General Fund stayed within budget but still had to spend into the reserve. Reasons include continuing legal fees and the limited ways the city can impact revenue in the general fund. It is not anticipated that the fund will have to support other funds next year. Additionally, if the city opts out of recycling and the new solid waste carrier takes over that aspect, the recycling fund will be closed and that reserve rolled into the general fund.

The grants fund began the year with a small deficit because of timing in revenue from grants in 2015. There is a similar situation for 2016 in that anticipated revenue from the CDBG grant will not come in until 2017. There were expenditures in 2016 because the engineering study had to be done in order to have a prepared project for the grant. Those costs may be reimbursed, but if so that won't happen until 2017. The auditors have recommended a budget amendment ordinance to have the general fund pay for these costs since typically a grants fund is part of a general fund.

The water fund is balanced and there is no need for further rate increases to cover operating expenses.

The Stormwater fund is barely supporting itself. Changes in allocations have been made and the fund will have to be assessed mid-year to see if rates need to be increased. Current rates are clearly not sufficient.

There was discussion around these points, plus on the difference between the water fund and the water capital fund, the Stormwater fund, and the new revenue from marijuana taxes.

During the public comment portion of the hearing, Joe Beavers asked if the Council was not considering continued increases in rates as the water comprehensive plan and water assessment study required in order to build a healthy capital fund. Mayor Hodo said the Council decided the annual increase in the plan and the study was too much. Mr. Beavers then said the infrastructure liability is not sufficiently funded.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Wallace moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the hearing was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The regular Council meeting was returned to at 7:50 pm.

- 2. Resolution #16-12, AWC RMSA Interlocal. AWC presented an updated interlocal for services that continues unless terminated by either party. The city attorney reviewed the interlocal. Councilmember Dawson questioned why there were no rates included. Clerk Stowe said assessment rates are reviewed annually and come separately from the interlocal. With no further discussion, Councilmember Wallace moved to adopt Resolution #16-12 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.
- 3. Xerox Contract. Currently the city leases a copy machine from Konica. At the last service incident the technician said that toner and parts are no longer being made for the machine. Since it has to be replaced anyway, Office Manager Beaston and Clerk Stowe researched alternatives. Xerox offers a five-year lease agreement that will cost less than the current Konica one. After discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to enter into a lease agreement with Xerox and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - None

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the October 18th minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31717 through 31750, with \$34,680.60 for payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes, and \$83,834.72 for claims, for a total of \$118,515.32 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Lie attended a Board meeting for the Department of Natural Resources and said they are looking for a resolution to the Singletary timber sale. He said the north side of the city will soon look like the south side, and thanked the Council for the letter.

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 8:04 pm.

Lee Hodo, Mayor, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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Public Hearing, 2017 Budget Sign-in Sheet November 1, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, November 15, 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by both Councilmember Martin and Dawson the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo gave a handout with information on traffic control lights. He asked the Council to review the information for discussion at the next Council meeting. He also said that hazard trees will be removed along SR2 and 1st Avenue West, the week of the 21st. The company will have flaggers and safety devices in place as needed.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about stolen 1990s Hondas from surrounding areas. There was a shooting incident on May Creek Road; the person was arrested. Police are looking for a man who robbed and shot a woman in the Snohomish area. Chief Casey talked briefly about abandoned trailers in the city.

Clerk Stowe said the audit process is ongoing but that the on-site portion should be wrapping up this week.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin was glad to hear the trees were being taken care of. Councilmember Dawson asked if the tree removal was along all of 1st Avenue West, and the area was clarified.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about installing a new totem pole in city limits. There will be some cost to the city. He asked the Council to consider what they would like to do with the old one and where they would want to install the new one. Clerk Stowe asked him if there had been any commitments made on behalf of the city. He said no commitments had been made.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Republic Services. Janet Pritchard thanked the Council for postponing decisions on solid waste until she could make another presentation. She offered a handout with prices. There was discussion around levels of service and costs. Councilmember Dawson said that in August Ms. Pritchard had said she would justify rates based on CPI. She said they will keep the sub-index of CPI that's related to the industry. Councilmember Dawson then asked if that was the information she was going to bring back to the Council. She said she understood that she was to bring back prices and apologized for the misunderstanding. Councilmember Dawson said that based on CPI rates the costs should be going down.

Councilmember Diaz said he thought Republic was losing money and Ms. Pritchard said they were on the current contract. Councilmember Wallace clarified that this presentation also included Republic taking over recycling, which it does. There was discussion around rates, volume vs. gallons, and recycling. Both Ms. Pritchard and Jeff McMahon from Waste Management are available for questions. Councilmember Martin moved to wait for action until the December 6th Council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion passed. Councilmember Wallace thanked both Ms. Pritchard and Mr. McMahon for coming.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Public Hearing, 2017 Budget. The public hearing was called to order at 7:36 pm and Clerk Stowe reviewed the hearing process. No Councilmembers disclosed any reason to be recused from the hearing. There was discussion around the proposed budget amendment and the need to monitor both the general fund and the Stormwater fund. No action was taken and there were no comments from the public. Councilmember Wallace moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the hearing was adjourned at 7:51. The regular Council meeting was returned to at that time.
- Resolution #16-11, Property Taxes. After brief discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to adopt Resolution #16-11 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried with Councilmember Wallace opposed.
- Ordinance #699, 2017 Budget. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Ordinance #699 relating to the 2017 budget for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.
- Ordinance #700, Amending the 2015 Budget. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Ordinance #700 relating to amending the 2015 budget for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Wallace thanked Clerk Stowe for her work on the budget. Mayor Hodo thanked Councilmember Wallace for his work on the solid waste contract.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the November 1 2016 minutes as amended to correct a misspelled word, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31751 through 31773, with \$2,200.00 for payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes, and \$14,886.45 for claims, for a total of \$17,086.45 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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City of Gold Bar





CITY OF GOLD BAR GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Tuesday, 11/1, 11/15 and 12/6, 2016

2017 CITY OF GOLD BAR BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Gold Bar will hold Public Hearings on Tuesday, November 1, November 15th and December 6th, 2016 at 7 PM in the Gold Bar City Hall Council Chambers. Purpose of the hearing is to review the 2017 Budget.

For additional information, please contact City Hall, (360) 793-1101.

Lisa Stowe City Clerk-Treasurer

Gold Bar Council Meeting Sign-in Sheet November 15, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, December 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 and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo recognized those who came to talk about a totem pole project. He said the project is not on the agenda as there are several questions that need answering first. He hopes to have more information so the project can be on the agenda after the first of the year.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about traffic control warnings and tickets issued for the 1st Street stop signs. He also said recent activity in the city has been mainly from out of town people coming in. Councilmember Wallace asked about the abandoned trailer on SR2. Chief Casey said it was recently removed. He said there have been other issues with motor homes parked on city property and being lived in but those have moved on.

Clerk Stowe gave Councilmembers information to review for the next meeting regarding new banking fees and balances.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin talked about the totem pole and what can be done to make the city a place for people to stop.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Strom and Keith Seeler said they were in support of the totem pole.

Joe Beavers gave history of the current totem pole and said he would push for the carving to happen in the SR2 park.

Tony Rath gave a traditional greeting and talked about the questions the city has. Mayor Hodo thanked him for the greeting and reminded him that they would meet to gather information before coming to the Council. Mr. Rath then said the project is about roots in the community and bridging the gap between communities. Councilmember Dawson said Mr. Rath was preaching to the choir but that the city has to be able to satisfy legal issues.

Chuck Lie is in support of the project and also appreciates the fact that the city is considering other types of poles out on May Creek Road.

Shari Maginnis thanked the city for considering radar/speed poles on May Creek Road.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 1. Radar Speed Sign. There was discussion around the cost of the signage, how effective they will be, and which budget the costs should come out of. After discussion, Councilmember Martin moved to purchase two radar speed signs out of the 2016 budget and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.
- 2. 2017 Budget Public Hearing. The public hearing was called to order at 7:35 pm and Clerk Stowe reviewed the hearing process. No Councilmembers disclosed any reason to be recused from the hearing. There was no discussion. No action was taken and there were no comments from the public. Councilmember Diaz moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the hearing was adjourned at 7:38. The regular Council meeting was returned to at that time.
- 3. Ordinance #699, 2017 Budget. Councilmember Wallace moved to approve Ordinance #699 adopting the 2017 budget as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.
- 4. Ordinance #700, 2016 Budget Amendment. Councilmember Diaz moved to approve Ordinance #700 amending the 2016 budget as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.
- 5. Solid Waste Contract. There was discussion comparing rates, handouts, service options, and CPI rates. After discussion Councilmember Wallace moved to accept a contract with Republic Services and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried with Councilmember Dawson abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BIAS Service Contract. The contract for services with BIAS for software updates and technical support was presented. There was brief discussion around the costs, if the city's IT person also worked with BIAS on issues, and what the contract covered. After discussion Councilmember Wallace moved to enter into the contract for 2017 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Wallace thanked the representatives from Republic Services and Waste Management.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the November 15, 2016 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31774 through 31810, with \$32,906.00 for payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes, and \$21,460.81 for claims, for a total of \$54,366.81 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

CITIZEN 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 8:00 pm.

Lee Hodo, Mayor
, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Citizen Comment Sign-in Sheet December 6, 2016

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Gold Bar Council Meeting Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet December 6, 2016

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, December 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Hodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present was Mayor Hodo, and Councilmembers Dawson, Diaz, and Martin. Also present was Public Works Director Light and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Diaz moved to excuse Councilmember Wallace's absence and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

OPEN COUNCIL POSITION

Resident Kolt Nehls submitted a letter of interest and resume for the open Council position. Councilmember Diaz asked Mr. Nehls to talk about himself. Mr. Nehls gave his background and interests. Councilmember Dawson asked for clarification on phrases in the resume and letter of interest, and about his current job. Councilmember Diaz moved to delay action until Councilmember Wallace could be present and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried. This will be placed on the January 3rd 2017 agenda. Clerk Stowe suggested Mr. Nehls meet with the Mayor or staff to see what being a Councilmember entails.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo thanked resident Chuck Lie for his work on the forest sale and Wallace Falls State Park. Mr. Lie said the issue is still under consideration.

STAFF REPORT

Director Light, along with Mayor Hodo and Clerk Stowe, met with the USDA representative to talk about grants and/or loans for water main replacements. There is a \$100,000 loan from CDBG toward this work. The City also received a grant for \$234,944 for the 10th Street sidewalk project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin thanked Director Light for getting the grant. She spoke briefly about Chief Casey and a recent news article that included a photo of him. Councilmember Martin and Mayor Hodo will attend a meeting in January and possibly again in February. Mayor Hodo thanked Councilmember Martin for attending meetings that he can't.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about funds that could pay for the totem pole. He feels the pole could be included in the Capital Facilities Plan under Park improvements. Clerk Stowe was not sure it would be considered an improvement and will research this further.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Bank Balances. The Council was asked to review city funds with an eye toward safe investments that might earn interest and also reduce bank fees. Councilmember Dawson has discussed this with a brokerage investor and talked about options that included money markets, fidelity accounts, CDs and the city's Local Government Investment Pool. He is continuing research into this, asked for questions from staff and Council to assist his research, and hopes to have a draft available with potential actions for review by the next Council meeting. Priorities for the Council included little to no risk, research into legal or audit issues in investing public funds, rates of interest, fines for withdrawals, administrative fees, and insurance. The Council prefers to keep funds in the bank for daily operating expenses and emergencies, while being able to easily access invested funds in the event of emergencies.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution #16-13 Amending the Financial Plan. Based on a recommendation from the auditors, the financial plan was amended to include a policy on small and attractive assets. This policy allows for review and monitoring assets. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Resolution #16-13 as presented and with a second by Councilmembers Diaz and Dawson the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

MINUTES APPROVAL

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

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve vouchers 31811 through 31844, with \$2,200.00 for payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes, and \$24,520.24 for claims, for a total of \$26,720.24 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM - None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Lee Hodo, Mayor Diaz, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Gold Bar Council Meeting Open Forum Sign-in Sheet December 20, 2016

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