

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 7, 2017

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 Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Wallace's absence was excused at the previous meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - none

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about the rise in stolen vehicles and that two groups were in custody. He also talked about a recent pursuit that ended in catching the driver who was also involved in the car thefts.

Director Light is working on grants and the associated paperwork.

Clerk Stowe worked with Director Light and Mayor Hodo to apply for a grant for the purchase of a generator that will run the city hall in the event of long-term power outages. Clerk Stowe also gave the Council a form for reviewing the budget in an easier format than a report that's been used. She asked the Council to let her know if they prefer the new format or the old version.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Diaz asked for an update on the Weyerhaeuser Singletary timber sale. Mayor Hodo said he thought Snohomish County Council was working on that.

Councilmember Martin complimented Mayor Hodo on his state of the city address for the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce. She also said the Sky Valley Arts Council offered a site for carving a totem pole discussed at previous meetings. She said the ultimate placement of the pole had not yet been decided. Mayor Hodo said the Sky Valley Chamber is sponsoring the artist and paying for his liability insurance. He said the Chamber can spend funds without audit concerns like the city has.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Al White talked about a car with a loud muffler system that is going down 1st Street several times a night. Chief Casey said one ticket has already been issued.

Jay Prueher also talked the car. He told Director Light about a pothole on May Creek Road.

Chuck Lie thanked Mayor Hodo and the Council for the letter of support regarding the Singletary timber sale. He talked about the process leading up to the current action, and that the timber is up for auction as a whole parcel. He thinks the County may still have opportunities but it is at the eleventh hour.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #701 Amending Animal Control. After brief discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to approve Ordinance #701 amending animal control for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

2. Waste Management Welcome Letter. A sample of the letter that will go out to residents was presented to the Council. There was brief discussion around how the change in service will happen, and the changes to the level of service. For questions, residents can call Waste Management directly at 800-592-9995.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2015 Audit Exit. Auditors were unable to attend the meeting. They would like to ask the Council to hold a special meeting on February 13th, as one member of their team cannot make the February Council dates. The auditor's message also reminded the Council that a full quorum was not required for an exit meeting. After discussion the Council elected to not hold a special meeting. Clerk Stowe will give the audit team dates for the March Council meetings.

2. Ordinance #702 Amending Title 8. Ordinance #702 amends Title 8 relating to solid waste by adding the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. This change is not required to enter into business with Waste Management, but will make potential contract changes in the future easier. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #702 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

3. Resolution #17-01, Public Records. The Council was given a final version of the resolution that included minor changes from the city attorney. This resolution clarifies how public records can be picked up. Councilmember Dawson moved to accept Resolution #17-01 with the attorney's revisions, and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

4. Health District Rucker Building. The Health District wants to sell their Rucker building in order to purchase a smaller building. Councilmember Martin said the Health Department would like cities to waive their interest in the Rucker Building in exchange for proceeds from the sale going into a capital fund. That fund would allow no assessments against cities. Councilmember Martin doesn't feel there are any mechanisms in place to put assessments against residents. For Gold Bar this would mean waiving approximately \$5698 which she feels is a significant amount. She said there is also a draft resolution that the Health District will ask cities to sign. Councilmember Diaz felt the city would be giving up those funds for nothing. Clerk Stowe asked if the Health District had considered her question whether waiving interest could be a gifting of public funds. Councilmember Martin said that was not answered but the City of Monroe felt it would not be because they would receive the membership with no assessments in exchange. Mayor Hodo pointed out that the City has not received services from the Health District for several years. When he questioned that he was told the Health District would be available by phone in the event of a catastrophe. Clerk Stowe will try to find a copy of the draft resolution.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS - none

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the January 17th, 2017 minutes with the amendment to change ‘than’ to ‘then’, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks 31906 through 31946 with \$97,481.80 for claims and \$35,187.83 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$132,669.63 and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

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 7:55 pm.

_____, Lee Hodo, Mayor

_____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk