

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 21, 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, Martin, Wallace and Diaz. Also present was Public Works Director John Light and Office Manager Denise Beaton.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo stated that Audit Exit would be done at the Council Meeting on March 7th. Mayor Hodo briefly talked about not becoming a Sanctuary City due to President Trump stating that Federal Funding would be denied to any city that becomes a Sanctuary City. Mayor Hodo stated that if that changed then it would be something to look at again.

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Director John Light briefly talked about the 10th Street project and trying to combine both 10th Street and 9th Street projects together, but due to funding was unable to combine the two projects. He stated that 10th Street water and sidewalk project has been Ok'd.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Diaz stated that he had received a letter from Tracy Cotterill and that he had typed up a response to her letter. Councilmember Diaz handed out the letter from Ms. Cotterill and his response to council (see attached documents).

Councilmember Martin talked briefly about the Sky Valley Community Awards and that Rosalyn Santerre had been nominated by the City of Gold Bar for her work on the Farmers Market.

SKY VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL REPORT

Debbie Copple from the Sky Valley Chamber handed out a multipage report on the Sky Valley Chamber & Visitor Center Business Report for 2016 (see attached document) and then read it to the council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #702 Amending Title 8, Relating To solid Waste, second reading and action. Councilmember Diaz moved to accept Ordinance #702 as written with a second by Councilmember Dawson. The motion carried.

2. Health District Rucker Building. Mayor Hodo said options included placing it on the next agenda for review, waiving interest in the Rucker building and authorizing staff to write a letter stating that, or not waiving the interest which would mean getting money back. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to keep our interest and draft a letter with a second by Councilmember Diaz. Much discussion ensued. Councilmember Wallace amended his motion and made a motion to not relinquish our interest with a second by Councilmember Diaz. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #703 Amending Animal Control, introduction and first reading. Councilmember Dawson made a motion to accept the first reading with a correction being added. Councilmember Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

2. Ordinance #704 Amending Title 8 Related to Recycling, introduction and first reading. Much discussion ensued. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to approve with the correction of utilities on the first page and fees on the second page with Councilmember Dawson seconding. Motion carried.

3. Ordinance #705 Relating to Recycling Fund 401, introduction and first reading. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to accept 705 as is with a second by Councilmember Diaz. Motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmembers all thanked Debbie Cople.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the February 7, 2017 minutes as presented with a second by Councilmember Dawson. Councilmember Wallace abstained. Motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks 31947 – 31998 which total \$42,739.40 of which claims total \$40,539.40 and payroll \$2,200.00. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN FORM

Debbie Coppell stated that Sultan did not support the Health District's request for the \$2.00 per person and she doesn't believe Index did either but that Monroe did. She invited everyone to attend the Gold Dust Days meeting on Thursday at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

 , Lee Hodo, Mayor

 Denise Beaston, Office Manager



Sky Valley Chamber & Visitor Center Business Report 2016

December 2016

The Sky Valley Chamber had a great year and 2017 is looking even better for our area. We have a lot to be grateful for! The economy is continuing to pick up according to our 176 members. We are currently working on our annual membership drive. We have a special rate for citizen members who want to support our work and be involved in building the Sky Valley economy. Last year we had 18 citizen members.

First thing I'd like to say is "Thank You" to our Annual Sponsors: **Monroe Parts House-NAPA, Republic Services, and Wagley Creek Automotive**. Your sponsorship allowed us the opportunity to continue the work we are doing without the constant worry about money. Thank you for believing in the work we are doing in the Sky Valley! We are truly grateful!

We started two major projects with Snohomish County, the first one centered around developing a **Rural Marketing Plan** for promoting the Skykomish/Snohomish River Valleys. It involved a broad cross section of the community and was facilitated by Pandion Consulting. Each person had a unique perspective but we also had a lot of common themes. Developing outdoor recreation based tourism was a common theme with the added challenge/goal of protecting the environment and the culture of the area.

The other partner project is the **Sky To Sound Water trails map**. This river system is unique and most of the Sky Valley borders the river which gives us the ability to work on a plan to create a 'Trails Towns' concept that will connect our business communities to the activities that are happening on the river. In June the WA. Association of Landscape Architects, Snohomish County Tourism and National Parks will be conducting a pilot project in Sultan that will focus on possible designs for connecting the Skykomish River to Sultan downtown. We can use these ideas to create a plan for each town in the Valley.

The arts and culture aspect of the Rural Tourism Marketing plan is moving forward through our partnerships with the Sky Valley Arts Council and Snohomish County Tourism. This group is working with a great group of volunteers from around the area. The Arts Council is continuing to make progress on the Startup Event Center. This effort will eventually create another venue that can be used to support tourism in the Valley. All of the old siding has been replaced, windows repaired and now we are working inside on electrical and plumbing. Landscaping the

establishments, and activities to shoppers, investors, potential business and property owners, and visitors. To that end we support the Sultan Shindig, Gold Dust Days Festival, Return of the Salmon, Sky Valley Farm Festival, Skykomish Music Festival, Index Arts Festival, Gold Bar and Skykomish Farmers Markets and many other community events.

GROW Washington is continuing to expand. They currently have stores in Downtown Everett, 1st Street in Snohomish and Highway 2 in Sultan. Grow WA is a business incubator that helps small business get off the ground by providing training, guidance and store front exposure. If you are interested contact Carolyn Eslick at 425-327-2093.

Skykomish is planning an outdoor market the 2nd Saturday of every month beginning in May. The Skykomish Open Air Market is a market working to provide opportunities to local artists & crafters. If you'd like to take the scenic trip to Skykomish once a month contact Madelle at 360-677-2135 or ma5quiring@frontier.com.

Gold Bar Farmers Market: Rosalyn Santerre did a fantastic job of creating and growing the Market. She worked with the Chamber and the City of Gold Bar to create a wonderful location for local growers and crafters to sell their wares. Many of us missed Mott's Fresh Fruits so Rosalyn added them to the market providing fresh cherries, peaches, apricots, herbs, plums, etc. Another great opportunity for small businesses.

Building Stronger Partnerships With:

Stevens Pass Mountain Resort—We have created a kiosk to market the Sky Valley at the Mountain. This will expose our businesses to over 400,000 skiers/snowboarders and to over 10,000 mountain bikers/disk golfers annually. We have created specific rack cards to use at the Mountain highlighting our recreational assets & activities, food & drink, lodging.

Sultan Bakery: The Bakery has allowed us to install an information kiosk promoting the Sky Valley. This has turned into our most popular location. We have gone through almost 2000 Sky Valley Event Guide magazines plus several cases of Cascade Loop guides and other Snohomish County Tourism promotional info.

Cascade Loop—Traveler's on the Loop are looking to fully explore the area's they are traveling through, not just heading to Leavenworth. These are the people we want to attract. We are working closely with the Loop to find even better ways to share our story with the over 200,000 travelers annually. New wayfinding signs have been placed all the way around the Loop so that travelers feel safe and know that they are still on the right path. The next step will be to decide how to enhance the travelers experience by producing interpretive markers that help tell the unique story of each of the 9 sections of Washington included in the Loop.

We are working on ways to decide exactly what assets the Sky Valley has that are ready to be developed for manufacturing. We are also working to figure out what businesses we can support that we currently have openings for. Would we have opportunities for businesses who specialize in outdoor recreation? Which ones? The goal is to create jobs. When people work here they will shop here.

In conclusion, we'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on a committee, helped at events, volunteered in the office or sponsored events. Your support is greatly valued! And thank you VERY much to our Annual Sponsors Monroe Parts House-NAPA, Republic Services and Wagley Creek Automotive for your support!

Debbie Copple, Director

Sky Valley Chamber Board

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Laura Koenig
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Feb. 13, 2017

Hello Kendall and Brian-

I just wanted to revisit the PUD water issue with you, but can't find any way to contact either of you through the city website.

This issue was before the council more than a year ago, and as I recall, the deadline for applying for PUD water was sometime in the month of February. I'm wondering if it's still possible to contact them for consideration. John Light stated at the time that he had a project for 10th Street "ready to go" and "what was he supposed to tell them (the contractors?)" if the city began a process with PUD. I think it's pretty clear now that was never the case. In my mind, a shovel-ready project should show significant activity by now-maybe even completion.

At any rate, I would like to ask you and Mr. Diaz to please reconsider this issue ASAP.

Thanks very much for your service on the council.

Tracy Cotterill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy".

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February 17, 2017

Tracy Cotterill
301 Grand Ave.
Gold Bar, WA 98251

Dear Ms. Cotterill:

Thank you for your letter of February 13th. I'm sorry you could not find my contact information. My email is listed on the City's website.

Thank you as well for your comments regarding the PUD and the City's water system.

The 10th Street project is in process. While it is a 'shovel-ready' project, the paperwork for all permits, approvals, grants, and loans, is extensive.

Please be aware that I am responding to your letter as Councilmember, but I do not speak for the Council as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Diaz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brian Diaz
Councilmember, City of Gold Bar