

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, March 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, Martin and Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo reminded the Council that if three members of the Council gather to talk about City business, it constitutes a quorum.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about car thefts being down to zero due to arrests. He also talked about calls where the caller says he has the person's daughter and a female is screaming. If this happens, call 911, but it may well be these prank calls.

Director Light repaired a Stormwater drain and a water main. There has been a water leak that has been difficult to find due to how permeable the ground is. He hopes this break will fix the leak.

Clerk Stowe gave the Council a financial update to review for discussion at the next meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Debbie Wallace talked about which company will provide her with garbage services. Clerk Stowe suggested she call Office Manager Beaston.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance #703 Amending Animal Control. Changes requested at the last meeting were made. Councilmember Diaz moved to accept Ordinance #703 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

2. Ordinance #704 Amending Title 8, Recycling. Changes requested at the last meeting were made. Councilmember Diaz moved to accept Ordinance #704 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

3. Ordinance #705 Closing Recycling Fund. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Ordinance #705 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2015 Audit Exit. Clerk Stowe presented a Representation letter for Council approval. Councilmember Wallace moved to approve signing the Representation letter for the 2015 audit and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried. Clerk Stowe then turned the meeting over to the auditors.

Present for the 2015 Audit Exit Conference were Audit Manager Kristina Baylor, Assistant Audit Manager Tina Hjorten, and Audit Lead Clay Trushinsky. They gave the Council exit materials and reviewed results. These included one finding relating to compensated absences. This was the result of changes by the State and as the Auditors pointed out, several cities received similar findings. They also reviewed management recommendations including creating benchmarks in the City's financial plan, reviewing credit vs. debit cards, and the suggestion that the City assign one fuel card per vehicle, or create logs in each vehicle. The auditors found no instances of material non-compliance and no violation of laws.

Discussion included explanations of the State Auditor's BARS Manual (Budgeting, Accounting, and Reporting System), the difference between cities that report under a Cash Basis vs. under a GAAP basis (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), fund balances, the delay in completing the 2015 audit, and the increase in audit costs for the next audit cycle.

The exit materials presented are draft form. The Auditors encouraged the Council to contact them with any questions or revisions. Mayor Hodo thanked the Audit personnel.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS - none

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the February 21st minutes with an amendment to correct the spelling of two names and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks 31999 through 32024 with \$3,816.99 for claims and \$34,687.25 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$38,504.24 and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

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 at 7:57 pm.

 , Lee Hodo, Mayor

 , Lisa Stowe, Clerk

