

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 16, 2017

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 Wallace. Also present was Chief Casey and Clerk Stowe.

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 welcomed Snohomish County Councilman Sam Low. Councilman Low spoke about the Singletary timber sale. They were able to re-convey twenty-five acres but the remaining acreage will be auctioned off shortly. He also spoke about work on Index-Galena Road. He is available for calls and attending Council meetings if needed.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about National Police Officer's Week. Two officers were killed back east in a traffic related incident.

Clerk Stowe said the insurance changes voted on at the last meeting do not have to wait until the end of the year to go into effect. She will submit paperwork and the general fund should see some savings sooner than expected, as well as improving coverage.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin attended a PUD meeting and toured the diversion dam which was reconfigured to allow more fish passage.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ernie Walters introduced himself as the new assistant fire chief for Gold Bar and Index. He said he is available Monday through Friday at Gold Bar.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Financial Update. Councilmember Dawson feels the City should reinforce old ideas such as doing more code enforcement. He said for example, there are unlicensed dogs and RV's parked on right-of-ways. Mayor Hodo said there is no need to have code enforcement if it is not to be enforced.

2. Resolution #17-05 amending the Personnel Manual. There was a great deal of discussion around holiday pay and hours relating to whether someone worked a ten-hour day or an eight-hour day. After discussion Councilmember Wallace moved to amend the draft Resolution to state that there is a total of eighty hours a year for holiday pay,

whether an employee works ten hours or eight hours and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. A clean draft will be available at the next meeting.

3. Snohomish County Tomorrow Representative. After clarification around meeting times and locations, Councilmember Diaz moved to appoint Councilmember Wallace as the Snohomish County Tomorrow representative and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried. Councilmember Wallace will not be able to attend all meetings during the summer months.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Position Update. Clerk Stowe checks in with Snohomish County on a regular basis but they have had no interested parties to appoint to the currently open Council position. She said she was reminded that the Council could also choose to appoint someone. She also reminded the Council that all seats are up for election except for Councilmember Wallace's position. Filing is this week. Mayor Hodo stated he will not return for another term.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Dawson would like to continue discussion on the personnel manual at the next meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the May 2, 2017 minutes to correct spelling and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks 32144 through 32169 with \$25,565.07 for claims and \$2,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$27,765.07 and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ernie Walters would like to talk to the Mayor regarding Station 53. The Gold Bar fire district has an approved bond that includes remodeling costs to add housing in a building that the City uses. He would like the City to utilize storage space upstairs in the main building instead and said he had asked Mayor Hodo for times when they could meet but did not hear back from him. Mayor Hodo said the upstairs option is out but that he would be willing to meet with Mr. Walters. Mayor Hodo sent an email with dates and times previously but never heard back from Mr. Walters. They will try to arrange times again.

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 7:45 pm.

 , Lee Hodo, Mayor

 , Lisa Stowe, Clerk

