

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, June 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

OPEN COUNCIL POSITION

A letter of interest from resident Steven Yarbrough was presented. After discussion, Councilmember Martin moved to accept Mr. Yarbrough for Council position #2 and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried. Clerk Stowe administered the Oath of Office and Councilmember Yarbrough took his seat.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey reminded people that if they are not properly equipped, to stay away from the water. Be cautious in steep areas. The rivers are running fast and cold so use common sense. If you see someone in distress, be a witness by calling in and guiding responders. Don't become a secondary rescue.

Director Light said one of the benefits of a small community is that when a resident recently went missing the city hall was shut down and employees searched for him. One of the city employees found what was needed to guide searchers to the area.

Director Light talked about surplus asphalt the city obtained and then used on Gunn Road. He said that the annual Consumer Confidence Report for the water system is finished and ready to go. And the electronic speed signs have been installed and are just waiting for assistance in programming.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ralph Wood talked about water consumption and questioned the federal and state regulations requiring cities to conserve water.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Financial Update. Clerk Stowe asked for a councilmember to research sales tax in order to help with revenue in the general fund. There were no volunteers. Clerk Stowe then presented a comparison on Stormwater rates between Gold Bar and other cities. Gold Bar is significantly lower and the rates have not been increased in at least ten years.

She said the fund is no longer supporting itself and there are things that need to be done, such as fencing the retention ponds. There was discussion around what rates should be, if commercial properties with a larger impact on Stormwater should pay more than a single family residence, costs of maintenance, maintenance that hasn't been done due to lack of funds, and if a workshop was needed. The Council was asked to review the information and come back to the July 18th meeting with recommendations.

2. Ordinance #706 Amending Title 2. Gold Bar Municipal Code includes a clause that the clerk's position is hourly. The section has been changed often, from salaried to contractual, to hourly. This ordinance amends the section to allow the type of pay to be set by the Mayor. Councilmember Diaz asked about the sentence stating the position was at the will of the Mayor and Clerk Stowe said all employee positions are 'at will'. Councilmember Dawson pointed out an error in the numbering of sections. Councilmember Yarbrough moved to accept Ordinance #706 relating to Title 2 for a second reading and adoption as amended to correct the numbering and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

3. Ballot Drop Box. Snohomish County must install ballot drop boxes and asked the City to consider locations. After discussion Councilmember Martin moved to propose locating the ballot drop box at the Gateway Park and with a second by Councilmember Dawson the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - None

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Dawson moved to accept the June 6, 2017 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks 32206 through 32223 with \$12,557.85 for claims and \$2,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$14,757.85 and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about potential revenue for the general fund through judgements from lawsuits.

Chuck Lie thanked the city for the electronic speed signs and would like to see the data put on the website. He also said the Stormwater fund needs to be funded or sidewalks removed.







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 7:52 pm.

 , Lee Hodo, Mayor

 , Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting
 Citizen Comment Sign-in Sheet
 July 18, 2017

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