

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 18, 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, Wallace, and Yarbrough. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, 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

Shayne Merwin was presented with the 2017 Mayor's Youth Achievement Award for his work in community service. The award recognizes outstanding young people who, by their own actions, have established themselves as the future of Gold Bar.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about a recent car chase that ended in the person apprehended and the life of the victim saved. He also talked about heroin and homelessness.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wallace talked to King County EMS about participation in National Night Out but it appears they are not available.

Councilmember Martin attended another Water Trail meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Wallace moved to adjourn to an executive session and Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion. At the request of Mayor Hodo, Councilmember Wallace then moved to amend his motion to include Clerk Stowe in the Executive Session. With a second by Councilmember Dawson, the amended motion carried and the Council, Mayor, and Clerk left council chambers at 7:10 pm for the purpose of discussing litigation.

The regular Council agenda was reconvened at 7:18 pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about the Singletary Timber sale lawsuit and the impacts on schools and other entities.

Ashley Broomfield talked about the impact of social media and the benefits to residents, if the City utilized that more.

Bill Henry introduced himself and said he is interested in running for the mayor position. Mayor Hodo told him attending council meetings and talking to staff was a good way to see what is involved. Mr. Henry would like to be more involved in the community.

Fonda Ellis talked about the difficulties in getting residents involved in the community and community events.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Stormwater Rates. There was discussion around the need to increase rates, maintenance requirements, rates for single family residences vs. commercial properties, discounts for senior low income residents, what other cities charge, current expenditures and the budget, retention ponds, filters, and discharge into aquifers. Mayor Hodo clarified that the proposed increase in rates is not because of the need for fencing retention ponds but because the fund is not supporting itself and needed maintenance is not getting done due to lack of revenue.

NEW BUSINESS

1. August Council Meeting Date. August 1st is the same date as National Night Out. After brief discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to cancel the August 1st Council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

2. Resolution #17-08 Amending the Financial Plan. The auditors recommended adding a section on benchmarks to the financial plan. After brief discussion about both the plan and benchmarks, Councilmember Wallace moved to adopt Resolution #17-08 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

3. Resolution #17-09, Stormwater Rates. Clerk Stowe presented the draft resolution in order for the Council to have a working document to amend. Stormwater discussion continued, with Councilmember Wallace asking for more information relating to the number of customers and the amount of revenue increase. Councilmember Wallace moved to hold Resolution #17-09 until the next meeting for additional information and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

4. Display of Flags. Ms. Ellis spoke on behalf of the Red Hats group. They would like permission to fly flags in the city limits along SR2 for holidays and events. They will provide supplies and do the work of putting up and taking down the flags. Councilmember Dawson encouraged them to get locates on utilities done prior to installing flag poles. Councilmember Wallace asked if the flags would be removed at sunset but Ms. Ellis was not sure. Councilmember Martin asked how many flags would be involved. Ms. Ellis said it depended on cost. Councilmember Yarbrough asked if the flags would be flown along Lewis Street or SR2 and Ms. Ellis said SR2. With no further discussion, Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the Red Hats proposal to fly flags along SR2 and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wallace apologized for missing the last meeting.

Councilmember Martin congratulated Shayne Merwin for his work in the community.

Mayor Hodo asked if a helicopter would be available for National Night Out. Chief Casey said he had been told no, but Office Manager Beaston had been told yes, so he needed to clarify that.

Mayor Hodo said there were yard signs for Gold Dust Days outside Council chambers for anyone who wished to place one in their yards.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Dawson moved to amend the June 20th, 2017 minutes to correct a typographical error and with a second by Councilmember Yarbrough the motion carried with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve July 4th checks numbered 32224 through 32255 with \$12,541.61 for claims and \$40,921.75 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$53,463.36 and July 20th checks numbered 32256 through 32283 with \$12,080.01 for claims and \$2,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$14,280.01 and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried. Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that the July 4th payroll also included all the quarterly payroll taxes.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dorothy Crowshaw talked about problems hearing Councilmembers.

Joe Beavers talked about issues with personal emails that did not pertain to the Council.

Chuck Lie reminded people that if they wanted to support the schools they should vote for the school levy.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

_____, Lee Hodo, Mayor

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