

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, August 15, 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 Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda to add the second Citizen Comment portion and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo made a handout available with the Gold Bar Municipal Code section regarding citizen comments during council meetings. He said that lately the comment portion had become more like a town hall meeting and he wanted to remind all present that comments should be directly related to city business.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk Stowe said Director Light is still compiling information on Stormwater expenses and will have something for the September 5th Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin attended meetings about Reiter trails, Eagle Falls, and the Farmer's Market.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers presented a handout relating to the Stormwater fund.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Health District Presentation. Jeff Ketchel talked about services the Health District offers to Snohomish County. His presentation included depression, suicide, the opioid epidemic, addiction, mumps, vaccines for children, tuberculosis, inspections of restaurants and septic systems, the drug task force, walkability audits, and day care centers. He also said Gold Bar was the only city to not sign a relinquishment of interest in their Rucker Building.

Clerk Stowe said the Council did not sign because there was no clear legal clarification that relinquishing the city's interest did not violate the correct use of public funds and because the City no longer received direct services specific to Gold Bar. Mr. Ketchel said the city did receive direct services but Clerk Stowe said the services were those residents would receive no matter where they lived, and that historically the health district would provide services such as a van for health services for those who could not drive, specific to Gold Bar. There was further discussion around services.

Councilmember Diaz asked why it was so important for one city to have not relinquished rights. Mr. Ketchel said that because Gold Bar was the only city to not relinquish rights, if the Rucker building was to sell, it would go to court.

Councilmember Yarbrough asked if this wasn't part of the County. Mr. Ketchel said no, that when the building was purchased mistakes were made so it was not clear who owned the building and cities were never asked to pitch in for maintenance.

Councilmember Dawson questioned Mr. Ketchel's statement that this would go to court. Mr. Ketchel said that was not what he had stated. He said if the building was to sell, Gold Bar would have to take the Health District to court.

Councilmember Dawson then questioned why the opioid information included heroin but not cocaine, and why heroin addicts were given assistance and cocaine addicts sent to jail. Mr. Ketchel talked about the high costs of jail services and Councilmember Dawson again questioned why cocaine users were sent to jail. There was further discussion around the differences between heroin and cocaine, treating addiction like a disease rather than a crime, the impact homelessness and mental health populations had on addiction, and spending funds on treatment rather than incarceration.

Councilmember Martin asked what impact the City's lack of cooperation had on the Health District. Mr. Ketchel said there would be no impact but the Health District would like to have a relationship with the City.

2. Ordinance #707, PSE Franchise. Ordinance #707 relating to a franchise agreement with Puget Sound Energy was presented for an introduction and first reading. Councilmember Dawson questioned the thirty-year term, and also asked why the City did not charge franchise fees, especially in light of the need for revenue. Clerk Stowe will look into the term of the agreement. Mayor Hodo said the City does not charge franchise fees for cable, television, etc. Councilmember Yarbrough pointed out that franchise fees would be passed on to the consumer. Mayor Hodo asked Councilmember Dawson to research franchise fees. Councilmember Wallace moved to put aside the ordinance until further information was received and Councilmember Yarbrough seconded the motion. Clerk Stowe said the Council could choose to adopt the ordinance for an introduction and first reading to start the process, and then have discussion prior to final adoption. A vote on the motion was called for. Councilmember Dawson voted in favor, with Councilmembers Diaz, Martin, and Wallace opposed. Councilmember Yarbrough abstained and the motion failed.

Councilmember Diaz moved to accept Ordinance #707 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried, with Councilmember Dawson abstaining.

3. Snohomish County Interlocal for Fire Inspection Services. Councilmember Yarbrough asked about the wording around building inspections and Clerk Stowe said that fire inspections were done on all new construction prior to giving Certificates of Occupancy. Councilmember Martin asked who set the prices, which is Snohomish County. Councilmember Yarbrough asked if there was already an interlocal in place, and Clerk Stowe said yes and it gets renewed each year. Councilmember Diaz said the City can't do much about the prices. Clerk Stowe clarified for Councilmember Martin that the costs were passed on to businesses. Councilmember Yarbrough moved to authorize the City to enter into this interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried.

4. Snohomish County Drug Task Force Interlocal. There was discussion around the services received by the task force and if costs were based on populations. Councilmember Dawson pointed out an error in dates on the interlocal and that there was no exhibit 'D' attached. Councilmember Wallace asked to have Clerk Stowe verify the information and have this on the September 5th agenda.

5. Resolution #17-10, Transportation Plan. This resolution relates to the annual six-year transportation improvement plan. Clerk Stowe said that this plan is needed in order for the City to receive grants and funding for transportation improvement projects like the current 10th Street sidewalk project. She said this is on the agenda for discussion only in order to give the Council time to review the plan itself, which is at the City Hall and on the City's website in the Council packets.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin said it was nice to see so many people in the audience.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the July 18th, 2017 minutes to correct the spelling of Fonda Ells' name and to correct the organization from 'Red Hats' to 'VFW'. Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve August 1st checks numbered 32284 through 32312 with \$16,079.35 for claims and \$35,517.79 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$51,597.14 and August 15th checks numbered 32313 through 32340 with \$95,701.36 for claims and \$2,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$97,901.36 and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Lie talked about the usage of Wallace Falls State Park, thanked the Council for the speed signs, and said he anticipated a return of traffic issues once the bridge is reopened.



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 8:05 pm.

 _____, Lee Hodo, Mayor

 _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting
Citizen Comment Sign-in Sheet
September 5, 2017

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