

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 5, 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 Public Works Director Light, Chief Casey, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to accept the agenda as presented and with a second by both Councilmembers Martin and Yarbrough, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hodo reminded the Council to read the Water Comprehensive Plan and the water rate study. He said thousands were spent on both and according to those, our assessment and rates should be raised. The system is twenty years past its normal life span. He asked the Council to research what the system needs, how much it would cost, where funds will come from, federal grants, and what the city might be eligible for.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey did a summary of cases for the area.

Clerk Stowe said Resolution #17-10 relating to the six-year transportation improvement plan must be adopted through a public hearing, so this will be on the agenda for the October Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Yarbrough said he works for Titan Electric, which in the past has done work for the City. He asked if the City hired the company, would it be a conflict for him to do the work. He is not an owner of the company, just an employee. Mayor Hodo said if a Council vote was needed relating to Titan, Councilmember Yarbrough would have to recuse himself, but he saw no conflict. Clerk Stowe felt there would be no conflict because Councilmember Yarbrough disclosed his related interest.

Councilmember Martin talked about the high risk of fire, and a candidate forum on October 9th.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about articles in the Monroe Monitor, fire rescues, and the Singletary timber sale. He asked the Council to have discussion and action on the Singletary case on the next agenda.

Debbie Cople talked about Gold Dust Days, thanked Joe Beavers and Steve Yarbrough for their assistance, and thanked the Explorers for their help with security. She also talked about the candidate forum and the importance of education.

Chuck Lie also talked about the Singletary sale and how the recent court decision could be appealed. He talked about the cost of parks, that he supports the fire departments, and judicial responsibilities.

Joe Beavers asked for rebuttal time but was denied.

Mayor Hodo reminded everyone that the comment portion was not the place to address personal opinions or to have two people expressing opinions to each other unless it involves the City.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Resolution #17-09, Stormwater Rates. There was continuing discussion around rates, the number of customers, commercial properties, where Stormwater goes, the aquifer, and the wells. Director Light listed all of the maintenance and work the Stormwater system needs. After discussion Councilmember Yarbrough moved to amend the resolution to increase Stormwater rates by five dollars for every Stormwater customer and with a second by Councilmember Wallace the motion carried. The Council has the option to continue looking at different rates for commercial sites.

2. Ordinance #707, PSE Franchise. There was brief discussion around the term of the agreement, taxes, and fees. After discussion, Councilmember Yarbrough moved to accept Ordinance #707 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

3. Snohomish County Regional Drug Task Force Interlocal. There was discussion around the assistance received by the task force, areas they were currently working in around Gold Bar, the annual cost, graffiti, and the need to re-evaluate the interlocal after the first of the year. After discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to accept the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Yarbrough, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 10th Street Water Main Financing. It appears the City will not receive USDA funding for this project. USDA recommended the City apply for a commercial loan through its bank. Clerk Stowe has been in communication with the bank about this possibility and asked the Council for permission to enter into the application process. The Council will vote on final terms. After discussion about the project, Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the City applying to Coastal Community Bank for a commercial loan and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

2. Resolution #17-11, Purchase and Procurement Policy. Cities that receive federal funding will soon be required to have a purchasing policy in place. After brief discussion, Councilmember Dawson moved to table this resolution to allow the Council time to review it more fully, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wallace will not be able to attend the October meetings. Councilmember Diaz moved to excuse Councilmember Wallace from the October meetings and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

Councilmember Wallace talked about speeding in city limits and along SR2.

Councilmember Martin talked about the Evergreen State fair.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the August 15th 2017 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks numbered 32341 through 32368 with \$10,039.38 for claims and \$36,257.17 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$46,296.55 and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Lie talked about the costs for customized stencils for the Stormwater system.

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 8:11 pm.

 _____, Lee Hodo, Mayor

 _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk