

# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 20th, 2018

## **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Clem called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmembers Diaz, Martin, Phillips, Wallace, and Yarbrough. Also present was Chief Casey, Public Works Director Light, and Office Manger Denise Beaston.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve the agenda as amended, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Clem stated that it would be a short meeting due to no new business and only one continuing business item. He spoke briefly about agendas and asked the Council to contact either him or Clerk Stowe if there is anything they would like added to agendas.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey spoke about city codes and enforcement which includes issuing a Notice of Infraction. Currently there are issues with the homeless population in parks at night and associated vandalism. Infractions are meaningless for that population as they don't have the resources to pay the infractions and there are no consequences other than telling them they owe more.

An additional problem, Chief Casey said, is that the city's code enforcement officer does not have the authority to issue infractions or criminal citations under Snohomish County's procedures. The code enforcement officer must document and then have a deputy issue the infraction. This may mean that some codes need to be amended to change infractions to criminal citations. There was brief discussion around this.

Chief Casey then talked about two robberies and six thefts listed in the report as being in Gold Bar. Due to a software update glitch, those activities may not necessarily be in the Gold Bar region.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Martin attended a town hall meeting in Sultan. She was encouraged and if it's repeated will remind people to attend.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Del Shull talked about acreage he owns in the city limits; dwellings on the property; his conversion of garages to dwellings; the letter he received from the city stating his additional dwellings are illegal; activities allowed in the past; someone who wants to rent from him where he'd get more money; and that he has listed the property for sale. Mayor Clem thanked him for attending and that the city would contact him regarding his concerns.

Councilmember Yarbrough asked about Mr. Shull's conversion and if there were restrooms. When Mr. Shull confirmed that the structures did have restrooms, Mayor Clem asked if they were on their own septic systems. Mr. Shull stated that they were all on the same system as the primary residence.

Councilmember Philips asked if the permit for the garage that was converted, was for a garage or an apartment. Mr. Shull stated that the permit was for a garage.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

Ordinance #711, amending the 2018 budget. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #711 amending the 2018 budget as written for a second reading and adoption, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS - None**

### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Martin spoke again about the town hall meeting. She asked at the meeting about revenue sharing and if that revenue would be reinstated due to the economy recovering. Brief discussion ensued on the marijuana tax.

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the February 6, 2018 minutes as written, and with a second by Councilmember Yarbrough, the motion carried.

### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks numbered 32709 through 32736 with \$98,593.36 for claims and \$2,200.00 for payroll, for a total of \$100,793.36 and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

### **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 7:21 pm.

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William Clem, Mayor

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Denise Beaston, Office Manager