

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 20, 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 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

Mayor Clem shared the names of Snohomish County Sheriff deputies who were given awards recently for their community service. He thanked them for their excellent work and for keeping communities safe. The names of deputies along with the awards received and the reasons for the awards, will be posted on the City's website.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey said this was the normal time of year for things to slow down a little, which they are doing. He pointed out that all four deputies assigned to this area received awards. He said Certificates of Merit aren't common or easy to get. He also talked about the upcoming retirement of Deputy Rick Griner, who has done most of the National Night Out planning over the past years. Deputy Griner has been very engaged in local communities and will be sorely missed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin talked about the City's AED, an upcoming meeting regarding Wallace Falls, and an upcoming meeting regarding mountain goats. She congratulated Mayor Clem for his Coffee With The Mayor hour.

Councilmember Yarbrough said the Gold Bar elementary school sign is lit up again, and they are working on lighting for the flagpole.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ray Coleman also talked about awards to deputies.

Kathy Curnutt talked about her fears over issues with a neighbor.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Sultan Library Presentation. Jackie Personeus gave a PowerPoint presentation on the impact of libraries in local communities, and the upcoming levy request. There was discussion around amounts of current, past, and upcoming levies, the number of years that have passed since the last levy, the number of users to libraries, community services provided by the library system, property tax funding, revenue forecasts, and budgets. People are welcome to bring questions to her.

Councilmember Yarbrough moved to allow citizen comments and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried. Resident George Pops said the library is the most beneficial service in the community. Resident Chuck Lie agreed and said he is always happy to see the libraries full.

Computer Estimate. Clerk Stowe said that during the budget process the Council approved \$600 for a new computer. Since the budget was adopted, the price has increased to \$890 with an additional cost for labor. After discussion on options, Councilmember Phillips moved to have Councilmember Yarbrough bring an alternative proposal for a workstation to the next meeting. Councilmember Diaz seconded the motion and the motion carried, with Councilmember Yarbrough abstaining.

Councilmember Wallace then moved to authorize Mayor Clem or staff to research either obtaining alternate bids for contracts, or to review the current contract. With a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

10th Street Bid Award. Director Light talked about the recent bid process. The two lowest bidders were reviewed by City staff, Blue Line, Snohomish County, and the Transportation Improvement Board. Reviews looked at bid documents, reference checks, and the no-bid list. After review, both agencies recommended granting the contract to the lowest bidder, SRV Construction, Inc. Councilmember Yarbrough asked about maintaining access to the post office. Director Light said after the award of the bid there would be a pre-construction meeting where traffic control would be discussed. Then notices will go out to residents and businesses addressing traffic control and access. Councilmember Yarbrough then moved to authorize Mayor Clem to sign the bid award to SRV Construction, Inc. and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

Financial Health Discussion. Clerk Stowe presented information on city funds and asked for Council comments. Councilmember Martin asked about the impact of new construction on revenue. Last year saw a small increase in water customers as the new homes sold, and Clerk Stowe anticipates a small increase in property taxes for the same reason.

Councilmember Yarbrough asked if the bill for street lights had decreased due to switching lights over to LED. Clerk Stowe was not sure. Councilmember Martin asked if there had been discussion with the PUD over streetlight costs and Clerk Stowe said that was certainly something a councilmember could take on.

Councilmember Wallace talked about tax code, revenue, and sales tax. Mayor Clem and Clerk Stowe have had difficulty figuring out the processes for increasing sales tax or creating taxes on specific items similar to what Seattle recently did. Clerk Stowe suggested contacting Municipal Research Services directly.

Councilmember Wallace asked about water rates. Mayor Clem has reviewed the City's water rate study and water comprehensive plan, which includes the need for nine million dollars in repairs and upgrades.

The studies talked about the need for an annual increase in the assessment rate up to the year 2020, which the city has not done. He feels this needs discussion.

Councilmember Diaz asked how high the rates went in the study. Mayor Clem did not have the exact figures but said he met with the PUD and if they were involved the rates would immediately go to \$170 per month. He said the City would be looking at something much more gradual, and should also look at amending the subsidies for low-income residents.

Director Light reminded people that the City doesn't just pick out what they want to do. The Department of Health has specific criteria the City has to follow when it comes to the repairs and upgrades that are needed.

Councilmember Wallace moved to begin discussion on water rates at the May 1st Council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. Councilmember Wallace felt this would give all councilmembers time to read the water rate study and the water comprehensive plan. Mayor Clem asked all councilmembers to approach Director Light for copies in order to become familiar with the documents.

Mayor Clem continued the financial discussion by saying it would also be wise to review the current staffing model to see if it is adequate for the city, and to review contracts with those who provide services for the best services and rates. He will be looking at this, gathering information, and coming to the Council with recommendations. Clerk Stowe said that the maintenance staff would have a hard time keeping up with work if it was not for the large amount of assistance from volunteers and the Department of Corrections work crews.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Wallace is unable to continue as the City's representative to Snohomish County Steering Committee and asked for an elected official to consider taking this on. They meet the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in Everett. The Committee likes to have cities represented.

MINUTES APPROVAL

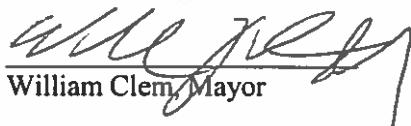
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the March 6, 2018 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks numbered 32778 through 32799 with \$21,667.66 for claims and \$2,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$23,867.66 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 both Councilmembers Wallace and Phillips, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.


William Clem, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

7:00 PM

CITY HALL

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AGENDA APPROVAL

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR THINGS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

CONTINUED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. SULTAN LIBRARY PRESENTATION

2. COMPUTER ESTIMATE – DISCUSSION, ACTION

3. 10th STREET BID AWARD – DISCUSSION, ACTION

4. FINANCIAL HEALTH - DISCUSSION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES APPROVAL

March 6, 2018

VOUCHER APPROVAL

CHECKS

32778 - 32799

TOTAL \$23,867.66

CLAIMS \$21,667.66

PAYROLL \$2,200.

ADJOURNMENT