

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 3, 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 - none

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about a recent incident involving a firearm. He asked the Council to allow him to return to his report after a deputy arrived, in order to present a certificate.

Director Light said a preconstruction meeting for the 10th Street project will be held on the 11th, at 11:00 am. Notices were sent out to those who reside in the area, and the post office and store were invited to the preconstruction meeting.

Clerk Stowe read an invitation from Gold Bar Elementary school for an upcoming community event.

Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that they had previously acted on transferring funds from the bank to the Local Government Investment Pool where it would earn interest. After that action, the City then had problems obtaining funding for the 10th Street project so no funds were transferred in case they were needed. Now that the City is self-funding the project, she told the Council that any transfer would be on hold until after the project was complete and a financial review was done.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin talked about upcoming meetings with the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Recreation Coalition. She thanked the Red Hats group for sponsoring their community egg hunt, and for volunteers who helped. She talked about the Sky Valley Chamber's recent fundraiser auction supporting community and businesses.

Councilmember Phillips also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jay Prueher talked about garbage on Ley Road and ongoing problems with parking relating to Wallace Falls State park.

Joe Beavers talked about the parking issues and all the cars parking between 'no parking' signs. He talked about options for expanding parking, the need for easements, and the issues with private property in relation to parking.

Chuck Lie also spoke about the parking issues and the need for expanding parking on alternate trailheads. He said it was time for representatives to get involved.

RETURN TO STAFF REPORT

Councilmember Wallace moved to allow Chief Casey to continue his staff report and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

Deputy Steve Foote was then presented with a Certificate of Merit for his work on an incident relating to an assault with a weapon. Other Snohomish County Sheriff's personnel involved in that call, that also received Certificates of Merit, included Chief Casey, Sgt. Jeff Ross, Deputies Jeff Howerton, Rick Griner, Steve Gray, Ian Whipple, Joshua Wheeler, and Andre Loranc. Officers from the Monroe Police Department, a K9 unit, Washington State Troopers, and an Everett police officer were also involved in that call and received Certificates of Merit.

Deputy Steve Foote was presented with a second Certificate of Merit for his actions during a call involving a white supremacist known for felony assaults. Other Snohomish County Deputies involved in that call who also received Certificates of Merit included Chief Casey, and Deputies Stuart Gort, Ron Doersch, Cameron Elwell, Daniel Urich, and Kevin Pelleboer. A Monroe police officer also assisted.

Chief Casey talked about Certificates of Merit and how they are not given out often, and how all the deputies who work the Gold Bar region received them.

Deputy Foote and Chief Casey were thanked for their work with a round of applause.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Computer System IT Review. Two issues were reviewed by the Council.

The first one involved two estimates for a new work station for staff. After review, Councilmember Diaz moved to accept the estimate by Gold Bar Geek and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried with Councilmember Yarbrough abstaining.

The second issue involved looking at rates from IT companies in the area and comparing them to the current contract. The current contract with Eastside Computers allows for an annual review of rates. The average rate for IT companies in the area was between \$70 and \$85 an hour. After discussion, Councilmember Wallace moved to allow the Mayor to review and renegotiate rates with Eastside Computers, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried. Mayor Clem will bring back proposals to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail Update. The City received a thank you and gift of a small wooden plaque for the work maintenance staff did recently in making a trail usable.

Marijuana Excise Tax. Mayor Clem talked about recent legislative changes that will increase the amount of excise tax the City receives. Changes will hopefully double the revenue on this tax, which will help the general fund. Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that the general fund was close to ending with a deficit last year so this increase in revenue doesn't necessarily mean more spending can happen.

Ordinance #712 Amending Title 2. Clerk Stowe said that while the clerk and treasurer positions are currently combined, they are set up separately in the municipal code. Recent changes made personnel salaried positions. This was changed in the Title 2 section for the clerk position but not for the treasurer position. This ordinance changes the treasurer position to match. Councilmember Diaz moved at accept Ordinance #712 relating to amending Title 2 for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin said parking at Wallace Falls Park was discussed at the last meeting she was at and Councilmember Phillips had a handout from that meeting that covers potential solutions. Councilmember Phillips gave that handout to Clerk Stowe if anyone would like to review those proposed solutions.

Councilmember Yarbrough asked about holding an executive session for a status update on litigation. Clerk Stowe will research this.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the March 20, 2018 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks numbered 32800 through 32837 with \$11,265.28 for claims and \$38,234.35 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$49,499.63 and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

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 7:52 pm.

William Clem, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk