

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 1, 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 Wallace moved to amend the agenda to include Ordinance #713 and the Department of Ecology contract and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Clem informed the Council that the May 15th meeting will end with an executive session to update Council members on legal bills. Attorneys will be present through a conference call.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey said there were two drownings in April and asked people to use an abundance of caution around the water.

Director Light gave a brief update on the 10th Street project.

Clerk Stowe received the Impact Fee report from Sultan School District and gave copies to the Council. Copies were also available for the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin talked about the meetings she's attended and upcoming ones she plans to attend.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about parking options for Wallace Falls, court cases, and a totem pole.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Water Rate Study. There was a great deal of discussion around water rates. Discussion points included capital facility needs; rates for water; rates for the water assessment; when residential rates were last

increased (2009); costs of capital needs; that the City has not followed the recommendations of the water rate study; how to come back in agreement with the study; amounts that rates could be increased; that people with larger meters which use higher volume are charged the same rate as residential size meters; the need for a public hearing to raise rates; the need to notify businesses impacted by any rate change; options for financing capital projects; availability and lack of grants; creating an increase over a period of years vs. one large increase; proposed amounts of any rate increase; average household usage; subsidies for senior citizens that are low income or disabled; meter sizes; and the PUD water system.

After discussion the Council was asked to bring draft proposals to the next Council meeting.

Ordinance #713 Amending Title 2. This amendment deals with enforcement issues relating to the recent problems in City parks. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Ordinance #713 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

Department of Ecology Grant. Cities are required by the Department of Ecology (DOE) to update their Shoreline Master Programs. To assist, DOE is giving cities grants in the amount of \$10,000. Clerk Stowe presented two contracts. One is for BHC Consultants to do the work of updating the plan as they have in the past, and one is for receiving the grant from DOE. Councilmember Yarbrough moved to authorize Mayor Clem and Clerk Stowe to enter into the agreements with BHC and DOE and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Wallace is still waiting to hear back from Seattle regarding their sin tax.

Councilmember Martin confirmed that there will be a coffee hour with the Mayor on the 5th, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the April 17, 2018 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks numbered 32862 through 32890 with \$14,419.75 for claims and \$35,842.49 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$50,262.24 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 7:47 pm.

William Clem, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk