

# 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, May 15, 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 Martin moved to approve the agenda as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Yarbrough, the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT - None**

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey is working on leads relating to two burglaries from earlier in the month.

Director Light gave a brief update on the 10<sup>th</sup> Street project.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Martin talked about a tourism summit meeting she attended.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Kathy Curnutt presented a request for a variance relating to noise from her restaurant. She wishes to be allowed to have noise extend one hundred feet from her business, and for the noise to be allowed to continue until 11:00 pm. Because this request is not Council business, no action took place. She also talked about issues with her neighbor.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Water Rate Discussion.* Councilmembers addressed the need for an increase to water rates to comply with the water rate study, the Water Comprehensive Plan, and the need to upgrade and replace an aging system. There was a great deal of discussion around rates, potential increases, meter size, usage limits, rates for commercial properties, the Snohomish County PUD, emergency funding, low income residents, and summer water usage.

After discussion, Councilmember Wallace moved to increase the water assessment rate by \$24 in 2018 and \$9 in 2019 and 2020. The motion died for a lack of a second and discussion continued on the same topics. Calculators came out. Math ensued.

Councilmember Yarbrough then moved to increase the water assessment rate by \$24 in 2018 and \$9 in 2019 and 2020 and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

Councilmember Diaz then moved to amend the motion to add wording that after upgrades were complete, the rate increases over this three-year period would be rescinded. The amended motion failed for lack of a second. Discussion continued.

Councilmember Phillips then moved to amend the motion to include wording that if the rates were not evaluated by the Council in 2020, there would be an automatic ten percent increase on the water assessment rate. The amended motion died for lack of a second. Discussion continued.

A vote was called for and the original motion carried.

There was brief discussion around summer water usage.

Discussion then turned to residential water rates. Councilmember Yarbrough moved to go by the water rate study chart, keeping meter sizes grouped as they are listed in Scenario 'D' for 2015, but increasing rates to the amount listed for 2018. With a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried. This will result in an increase in residential rates for one-inch and 3/4 inch meters of one dollar. There will be a larger increase for larger meters but no residences have those larger meters.

Rate increases will not go into effect until a public hearing amending the City's fee schedule is held.

*Ordinance #713 amending Title 12.* After brief discussion around misdemeanors vs. infractions, Councilmember Wallace moved to approve Ordinance #713 amending Title 12 as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Snohomish County Housing Project Report.* Mark Smith from the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County presented a report on affordable and low-income housing. Prior to his presentation, Mr. Smith said he had been a councilmember for several years and was impressed with this council's ability to balance the needs of the water system with the needs of residents, and to come to a consensus. He is available for questions and gave the Council and staff copies of the Housing report.

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

Councilmember Martin congratulated Mayor Clem on his coffee hour.

## **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the May 1, 2018 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried.

## **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks numbered 32891 through 32908 with \$13,694.82 for claims and \$2,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$15,894.82 and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Mayor and Council adjourned at 8:30 pm for an executive session as authorized by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.30.110(i) to discuss litigation. The city's legal counsel was present through a conference call. The executive session was expected to last no more than twenty minutes. No minutes were taken, no action was taken, and recording devices were turned off. Members of the public were invited to remain in Council chambers. The Council returned to chambers and the regular meeting was returned to at 8:50 pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Wallace said he will not be able to attend the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. Councilmembers will excuse his absence at that time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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William Clem, Mayor

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Lisa Stowe, Clerk