

# 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, December 4, 2018

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

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

Councilmember Diaz moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips absence and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried. Councilmember Martin asked if Councilmember Phillips had called in. No one was aware of a call at the time of the meeting.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Wallace moved to accept the agenda as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz, the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The first Council meeting in January, 2019 falls on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Clem asked the Council to either cancel that meeting or move it to another date. After brief discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to cancel the January 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Casey talked about the gazebo in the park on the highway. The roof seems in danger of collapse, and while the property is owned by the Department of Transportation, he felt the City should also be aware. He also talked about vehicle thefts in November and how the public should be aware of potential theft when warming their cars during cold weather. A registered sex offender that the deputies have been looking for is now in custody. December 12<sup>th</sup> will be Shop with a Cop, and they were able to exceed their donation needs.

Director Light introduced Talia Tittelfitz, Senior Planner for BHC Consultants who are working on the City's Shoreline Master Plan update through a grant with the Department of Ecology. Ms. Tittelfitz hosted an Open House at the City Hall prior to this Council meeting. She gave background on the Plan and proposed updates. It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted in June, 2019.

Clerk Stowe asked Councilmembers to review the audio from the November 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and let her know who the second 'no' vote is during the vote on the Levy Certification.

Clerk Stowe presented copies of the annual interlocal between the Department of Emergency Management and the City. After brief discussion, the Council elected to have this interlocal placed on the next agenda in order to give them time to review it.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Wallace would like to research an interlocal or agreement between the City and the City of Sultan, to utilize the services of their grant writer. After brief discussion, Councilmember Wallace was asked to speak to the grant writer to see if she would be open to such a working relationship. If she is, Mayor Clem will then talk to Sultan's mayor.

Councilmember Martin talked about the upcoming recreation meeting.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers talked about long range planning for State parks that will include parking for Wallace Falls. However, it does not appear that parking will be solved for the upcoming summer season. Mr. Beavers asked the City to consider painting fog lines to discourage parking in the problem areas.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

Ordinance #722 Amending Title 5. Clerk Stowe presented this ordinance, which adds generic franchise wording to the municipal code. She researched the application fee other cities charge for franchises and found two that charge \$20,000. Councilmember Yarbrough said Bellingham recently lowered their application fee to \$1,200 which seems more reasonable. The fee covers financial, legal, technical, and administrative review. She suggested tabling the ordinance until the current franchise agreement with Comcast is completed, as that process will give the City a better idea of the costs involved. Councilmember Wallace moved to shelve Ordinance #722 until fees for the current franchise are known and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Stowe presented information on the State's newly adopted legislation relating to the Paid Family Medical Leave Act. All employees must pay into this beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, although the funds cannot be accessed until 2020. Cities have the option of paying for the employee portion, which currently works out to about \$8.00 per pay period. If so, a resolution is required. After brief discussion, Councilmember Wallace moved to pass this cost on to employees and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried, with Councilmember Yarbrough voting against the motion.

*Ordinance # 723, 2019 Budget.* Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Ordinance #723 relating to the 2019 budget for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Diaz the motion carried.

*Ordinance #724, 2018 Budget.* After brief discussion, Councilmember Diaz moved to accept Ordinance #724 amending the 2018 budget for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - none**

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to accept the minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup> as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve checks numbered 33294 through 33333 with \$8,618.10 for claims and \$36,207.34 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$44,825.44 and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Councilmember Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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William Clem, Mayor

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Lisa Stowe, Clerk