

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Phillips informed the Council at the last meeting that she would not be present at this one. The Council will take action to excuse this absence at the next meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor was out of town for ten days and appreciated the staff's work during that time.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey reviewed the report handed out and talked about the dangers of cold water.

Director Norris said staff will be flushing mains and notification will be on the water bills.

Clerk Stowe said that auditors are done with the on-site portion of the audit. Once the audit is finished she will weigh the cost savings of a two-year audit cycle with the amount of work in doing two years at a time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin met with the League of Women's Voters.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jerry Denlocker spoke about the bad condition that Anderson Lane is in, and that the condition is steadily decreasing. He said past attempts to get agreements with the homeowners have been unsuccessful and that having the City take over that street is their only option to get the street looking well.

Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low updated the Council on the County's new ATV rule, which will go into effect October 10th. He said he did a ride-along with Snohomish County Sheriff deputies and

appreciated their diligence to the community. He also said a bus will be going to Olympia on February 5th if people want to ride along to talk about the state of Highway 2. He also says he takes emails and calls seriously so he hopes people will feel free to contact him.

Chuck Lie spoke briefly about illegal use of an ATV user who was riding with no plate, helmet, or flag. Mr. Lie called the non-emergency number to report the illegal use.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 19-13, Anderson Lane. Councilmember Wallace introduced a resolution regarding the private road, Anderson Lane. The homeowners would like to convey the private street to the City. There was a great deal of discussion, including the cost to the city, the benefit to the city, the health of the street fund, the difficulty in obtaining grants to improve the street, the legal steps homeowners need to take, the legal steps the city may have to take, municipal code that requires a street to be brought up to current code, building design standards, that Councilmember Wallace will recuse himself from action, that the street doesn't seem that bad which means it won't qualify for grants, the need for research, homeowners haven't done much to maintain the street, does the city want to accept the street as is or require it to be brought up to a certain level first, the inability to generate revenue for the street fund so no money to improve the street, and that current code requires new streets to have curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to table the resolution until the next meeting, and with a second by Councilmember Yarbrough, the motion carried with Councilmember Wallace abstaining. Mayor Clem then asked Director Norris and Clerk Stowe to gather more information.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears met with the Snohomish County Auditor about what that department does.

Councilmember Wallace is working on a proclamation regarding the Singletary timber sale. There was brief discussion around this.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to accept the minutes of September 17th 2019 as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks 33930 – 33981, with \$19,946.35 for claims and \$36,487.44 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$56,433.79, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

William Clem, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk