

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Clem said that since it was now January, it was time to talk about the Mayor Pro-tem position. Councilmember Martin has been doing this for some time, and he asked if she would like to continue, and if there were other councilmembers interested. Councilmember Sears said he was interested if Councilmember Martin no longer wished to do that. Councilmember Martin said she would be happy to give the position up. Councilmember Wallace then moved to appoint Councilmember Sears as Mayor Pro-tem, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips the motion carried. Mayor Clem then said he would not be at the next two meetings.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Casey talked about recent car prowls at the school, and reviewed the monthly report. He then let the Council know that he is being transferred to a position with the Office of Accountability and the selection process would be started for his replacement. The transfer will take place in two weeks. He said that this job has been the most rewarding and fulfilling part of his career and that he has a goal of helping find a replacement that can continue to be part of the community. The Mayor and Council thanked him for his service.

Director Norris reviewed 2019 in relation to water usage. Repairing two main breaks that had been leaking, plus a cooler summer and recent upgrades, resulted in saving ten million gallons of water which is roughly two months usage for the City. He also said that on January 16th, they will be removing the covered area in the park on the highway due to safety concerns. The food bank that meets there will move to the Gateway Park.

Clerk Stowe said that the Oath of Office was administered to Councilmember Wallace prior to the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Phillips moved to excuse Councilmember Wallace's absence from the last meeting, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Councilmember Sears thanked Chief Casey for his service. Councilmember Sears reminded people that on February 5th, a bus will be going to Olympia to talk about traffic problems in Highway 2. He also said a recent study done by the PUD showed that the company is one hundred percent clean energy, which means the City is as well since the City gets its power from the PUD.

Councilmember Martin said she will miss Chief Casey, thanked him for everything, and said his connection to the City has been amazing, that he knows everyone in town and can't be replaced. She also talked about upcoming meetings and thanked Office Manager Denise Beaston for her volunteer work for the community tree lighting, and for making it happen in spite of challenges.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dave Cotterill asked if the City had a code enforcement person and complained about a private property that is adding more junk vehicles. Director Norris said that staff is limited on what they can do.

Tracy Cotterill asked if there was better coordination regarding plowing for upcoming snow. Director Norris reminded everyone that the problems last year were an anomaly that included staff out of town for a training and vehicles breaking down. He said this year the City has two working plows and the backhoe, as well as a plan on plowing routes and backup resources. Ms. Cotterill then asked if the event with Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce tomorrow should be on the City's website. Mayor Clem said it's not a City event but that she could find information on the Chamber's website.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears will not be at the first meeting in July.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the December 17th, 2019 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks 34124 – 34162, with \$58,488.34 for claims and \$39,145.67 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$97,634.01, and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

William Clem, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk