City of Gold Bar
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107 - 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 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 Hess, 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 - none

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about statements he prepared relating to resolutions on the agenda, peaceful protests recently held in Index, his meeting with Director Norris regarding parking and physical barriers for parking issues, upcoming joint training with the fire department, his meeting with a Camp Houston representative, and his meeting with Councilmember Sears. He also talked about the number of people who have approached him to express their appreciation for the Sheriff's department.

Director Norris talked about park impact fees and how they can only be used for park improvements and not park maintenance. He would like to use budgeted impact fees for the more picnic tables, and the construction of a fenced off-leash dog park. This construction will allow a place for residents to bring dogs, but will also solve a problem of people dumping debris on city land, in spite of 'no-dumping' signs. After brief discussion around liability signage, costs, dog waste, and creating double gate systems, Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize Public Works Director Norris to utilize park impact fees for the creation of a dog park, and with a second by Councilmembers Wallace and Sears, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe received a contract relating to the CARES Act funding. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the mayor to sign the contract, and with a second by Councilmembers Phillips and Wallace, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe then talked about transferring money to the Local Government Investment Pool where it will earn interest. She will bring firmer numbers and interest rate percentages to the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears congratulated the graduating class of 2020. He talked about his meeting with Chief Hess and updated the Council on recent regulation regarding the use of plastic grocery bags. After brief discussion, the use of plastic bags will be placed on the agenda for an October meeting in order to discuss continuing with the City's ordinance or amending or repealing it, based on the State's regulation. Councilmember Sears then stated he had donated half of his salary for bail funds.

Councilmember Wallace thanked Director Norris for the addition of picnic tables.

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Hess for meeting with Camp Houston staff, for being involved in the community, listening, and being concerned about the community.

Councilmember Phillips thanked Director Norris for his work on the parks.

Mayor Clem noted that Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney was present and asked if he would like to make any comments. Also present was Bureau Chief Ian Huri. This was followed by a great deal of discussion, including thanking Chief Hess for the job he's doing, how all the deputies are listening to the public right now, how what happened in Minneapolis was wrong, what can be done for the healing process for all sectors of the community, looking internally at what the County is already doing and the few things that can be tweaked to be stronger, deadly force, chokeholds, sleeper holds, officer training, drawing firearms, reporting requirements, policy handbooks, and hiring processes.

Councilmembers asked questions and more discussion ensued, relating to meeting with varied groups, work on panels in Snohomish, meeting with community activists, what can be done to move toward action, body cameras and cost, budgets, public records requests, transparency, black boxes, recovery positions, types of training, how trainings are offered, and the slashing of training budgets.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Valerie Norris talked about being grateful for the police support in the city. She feels safer knowing someone is there to help and feels the world is a better place because the police are there.

Deborah Ellis thanked the deputies and talked about their presence on May Creek Road improving safety.

Alaina Solada talked about the need to replace playground equipment for the elementary school and asked for help in raising funds. There was discussion around the state of the current equipment, ADA requirements, donations and timeframes. Councilmember Wallace moved to extend the three-minute comment period and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. Discussion then continued around ADA compliancy, resources, and grants.

Councilmember Sears moved to allow the school principal to speak and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried. Heather Anderson then spoke about raising funds.

Chuck Lie appreciated the attention given to May Creek Road and agreed Sunday traffic is important, but also said that during the week there are issues with locals. He thanked Councilmember Sears for donating his pay and said he used to donate 100% of his to Safe Stop. He said playground equipment might be a good place to start donating pay.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 737. This ordinance amends the recently passed Ordinance No. 736 relating to FEMA maps. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance No. 737 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 738. This ordinance creates a threshold under which funds will not be reimbursed. Councilmember Wallace moved to accept Ordinance No. 738 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Speed Bump Discussion. Director Norris said that there are options available for the Grand Avenue and 1st Street project, including placing a new stop sign which would create a three-way stop, removing speed bumps, or installing new ones. Costs are already incorporated into the grant received from the Transportation Improvement Board and

the City has extra stop signs that can be used. Discussion included calming devices vs. stop signs, people launching off speed bumps, education needed for a new stop sign placement, ADA-compliant ramps, sidewalks, and flagging a new stop sign.

Councilmember Wallace moved to allow comment from the audience and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried.

Discussion then continued, including locals who don't stop at the signs in place now, the need for deputies to educate drivers, speed monitoring devices, raised crosswalks, and movable speed bumps. The final consensus of the Council was to allow Director Norris to install a stop sign and a bolted speed bump.

Resolution No. 20-09, COVID-19. It may be possible for the City to use CARES Act funding to purchase equipment that would allow the City to stream council meetings so that people did not have to come in person. It may also be possible to receive funding to improve software in order to create more online forms to avoid coming to the City Hall. This resolution could set the foundation for applying to use the grant funding. Councilmember Wallace moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-09 as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 20-10, Reforms of Law Enforcement. This resolution was created by Councilmember Sears. Discussion included asking if research was done regarding where information came from, policy manuals, items listed that are already part of policy manuals, agreeing with the 'spirit' of the resolution but not the wording, and that Chief Hess could bring a training officer to a council meeting. After discussion, Councilmember Sears agreed to pull the resolution and revise it.

Resolution No. 20-11, Peaceful Protests. Topics of discussion were similar to the previous resolution and also included changing the 'whereas' phrases, how itemizing leads to overlooking things, the possibility of combining both resolutions, if information came from the media, what sources are, the number of police killed recently, and the need to see less violence on all sides. Councilmember Sears will work on this, with assistance from the Mayor. If any Councilmembers have comments, they are asked to send those to the Mayor. He cautioned them to not send group emails in order to avoid creating a quorum.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears thanked Sheriff Fortney and Bureau Chief Huri for coming to the meeting. He also thanked Chief Hess for meeting with him.

Councilmember Wallace also thanked Sheriff Fortney and Bureau Chief Huri.

Councilmember Martin talked about issues with an intersection on Picklefarm Road but the issue involves area not within City limits.

Councilmember Phillips thanked Sheriff Fortney and Bureau Chief Huri. She also thanked the citizens for coming out to the meeting, and is excited about the dog park and school playground changes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the June 2nd, 2020 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks 34486 – 34516, with $44,855.45 for claims and $1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of $46,055.45, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilmember Yarbrough moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

William Clem, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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Citizen Comment Sign-in Sheet

June 16, 2020

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Phone (optional)
Valerie Norris	Valerie Norris	317 1st St. GB	
Deborah Ellis	Deborah Sue Ellis	500 May Creek Place	
Alaina Solada	Alaina Solada	39620 144th St SE	425-923-9295
CHUCK CIE		35961 May Crk	

Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2020
7:00 PM
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR THINGS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE NO. 737 AMENDING ORD. NO. 736 – SECOND READING AND ACTION

2. ORDINANCE NO. 738, UNCLAIMED PROPERTY – SECOND READING AND ACTION

NEW BUSINESS

1. SPEED BUMPS - DISCUSSION

2. RES. NO. 20-09, COVID-19 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

3. RES. NO. 20-10, REFORMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT – DISCUSSION

4. RES. NO. 20-11, PEACEFUL PROTESTS - DISCUSSION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES APPROVAL	**June 2, 2020**	

VOUCHER APPROVAL			
CHECKS	**CLAIMS**	**PAYROLL**	**TOTAL**
34486 – 34516	**$44,855.45**	**$1,200.00**	**$46,055.45**

ADJOURNMENT