

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor pro-tem Lie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Martin, Phillips, Sears, and Yarbrough. Also present was Director Norris, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor pro-tem Lie thanked Office Manager Beaton for her monthly report. He asked Clerk Stowe if there was a scholarship for new elected officials. She said those classes are free. He then asked about payments to a former town police officer. She said those are still paid monthly.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk Stowe presented a plaque to former mayor Bill Clem thanking him for his tenure. Mr. Clem said he appreciated the staff and Council, that there had been great progress, and that it had been a meaningful four years. Councilmember Martin thanked him for his service and said that it had been a pleasure to serve with him. Councilmember Sears also thanked him.

Clerk Stowe said the deadline for submitting a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for the city's Information Technology position was October 31st. Three companies expressed interest but they were all out of state and never submitted the RFQ. The only RFQ submitted was from the City's current IT person, Steve Yarbrough. After brief discussion an amended contract will be placed on the next agenda.

Director Norris said that the Wallace Falls Plat is still waiting on as-builts and so when that agenda item comes up he will ask for another motion to table.

Director Norris talked about the new commercial development on the highway near Amanda Avenue. This is a commercially zoned property so no changes have been made. The property did not have to be posted as there is no change in land use. The residential homes in the area are all on commercially zoned properties but the owners chose to build homes rather than businesses, which is also an allowed use.

There is the possibility of the City receiving a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$100,000 to do a section of watermain replacement as part of the larger project being done next year. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve the mayor signing a letter authorizing matching funds up to \$25,000 and with a second by both Councilmembers Yarbrough and Martin, the motion carried.

Director Norris and Mayor Pro-tem Lie both attended the recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting. Director Norris talked about the need for the City to address ways to encourage more businesses in order to meet the growth management requirement for Vision 2025 and amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Pro-tem Lie then asked what new businesses would be coming to the current development. Director Norris has no particulars yet but said the businesses would not be industrial due to the location. Councilmember Yarbrough then asked if there would be access to the new development from the highway. Director Norris said the Department of Transportation regulates access from the highway and access for this project will be from Amanda. This is the preferred access as there is a left turn lane. Councilmember Sears was concerned about the increase in traffic.

Chief Hess reviewed his statistical report and talked about the success of the Halloween parade. He said there had been a massive amount of candy donated and thanked all those who donated. Councilmember Martin and Mayor Pro-tem Lie thanked him for the work he did on the parade.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears reminded people that ballots were due by 8:00 pm.

Councilmember Martin thanked former Mayor Bill Clem for his service.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Because of the number of citizens present, Clerk Stowe reviewed the comment period process. Each person is allowed to speak on something that is not on the agenda, for no more than three minutes. The comment portion of the agenda is not the time for discussion and dialog. It is for gathering information and concerns, and depending on the subject, the Council can elect to add something to a later agenda for further discussion. Each person was asked to state their full name and address for the record.

The following citizens then spoke: Steffany Sears, Sarah Hale, Heather Blakeney, Sonia Bartosek, Paul Jones, Ashley Arbanasin, Deanna Guay, and Amber (Clements?). All comments were related to the new commercial development. Comments included concerns about signage for children, street access, speed limits, bus stops, streets that may be impacted, 21st Street, parking, road maintenance, and potential locations of exits out of the neighborhood.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Wallace Falls Court Final Plat. Councilmember Sears moved to postpone action on the Wallace Falls Court Final Plat until final paperwork was received, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 21-11, Property Taxes. This is the annual resolution required for City property taxes as part of the annual budget. After brief discussion, Councilmember Yarbrough moved to approve Resolution No. 21-11 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

During discussion about the property tax resolution, some citizens raised their hands to speak. Councilmember Phillips moved to open the floor for more citizen comments and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. Comments, however, were not related to the property tax resolution. Instead, the same citizens reiterated their concerns from the previous Citizen Comment portion of the agenda.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor pro-tem Lie encouraged staff to put an update on the commercial development on the next agenda. He also felt that former mayors Bill Clem and Lee Hodo did outstanding jobs and expressed his gratitude.

Councilmember Sears thanked citizens for coming to the meeting.

Councilmember Yarbrough also thanked citizens for attending.

Councilmember Phillips also thanked citizens for attending and encouraged them to return.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Yarbrough moved to approve the October 19th, 2021 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35596- 35634, with \$190,519.87 for claims and \$39,724.75 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$230,244.62 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Chuck Lie, Mayor Pro-tem

Lisa Stowe, Clerk