

# 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, January 18, 2022

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

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, and Sears. Also present was Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, Director Norris, 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 Yarbrough received a petition opposing the development on Amanda Avenue. He said the ability of the signers to reach a consensus was like a breath of fresh air, but the City cannot stop a legal development.

Councilmember Lie volunteered to continue as the City representative to Snohomish County Tomorrow and Mayor Yarbrough asked if there was any consensus about this. After brief discussion Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Councilmember Lie to continue as the representative and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried with Councilmember Lie abstaining.

Mayor Yarbrough also talked about Senate Bill 5603 relating to the Highway 2 corridor and encouraged councilmembers to familiarize themselves with this bill and to comment as soon as possible.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Clerk Stowe updated the Council on the current audit process, which should be complete by the end of the month.

Chief Hess said the Sheriff's Department has suggested holding National Night Out in conjunction with Sultan at the Startup Events Center. He wanted the Council's opinion on that. Discussion included the ability for people to walk to the event in Gold Bar, the parade, the lack of parking at the Event Center, and the desire to keep the event local even if it resulted in cutting down on available resources. Chief Hess will pass the consensus on.

He then reviewed recent activities and arrests and encouraged people to continue calling 911 when they see something suspicious.

Director Norris talked about scheduled work on a water leak and that those impacted had been notified there may be a temporary interruption in service. He said the City will not have work inmate crews due to an outbreak of COVID. He also presented the agreement for the Housing Action Plan. Councilmembers have already approved the grant and the consultant agreement. This final agreement includes costs, and needs the Mayor's signature. Since the Council has previously approved this grant, this is informational only and needs no action on the part of the Council.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lie brought up the Mayor Pro-tem position and asked if any councilmember would be interested in taking this on. After brief discussion Councilmember Lie will continue in this position.

Councilmember Martin thanked city staff for their work.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Deanna Guay asked for email addresses for the Mayor and staff. These are on the City website but were also provided.

Lee Russell asked about the sign coming into Gold Bar and if it was going to be repaired. Director Norris already has the letters and they just need to be put up.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Health District Representative.* Letters of interest were presented from two candidates. After discussion, the Council consensus was to invite the two representatives to attend a Council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Yarbrough reviewed the process and relevant RCWs relating to executive sessions, including that no action is taken during the session and there is no recording. The purpose of this executive session was to discuss the qualifications of applicants for the open Council position and appointment to elective office (RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)). There were two applicants for the position which included Lee Russell and Brenda Cavoretto. Both candidates were invited to attend the Council meeting and Mr. Russell was present. Mayor Yarbrough said the Executive Session would last from 7:31 pm until 7:46 pm. He then invited Clerk Stowe and Director Norris to attend, and moved all other audience members to the Zoom waiting room.

At 7:40 pm Mayor Yarbrough stated that the Executive Session was ended, returned audience members to the meeting, and returned to the regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Open Council Position.* After brief discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to appoint Lee Russell to Council position #2 and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. Clerk Stowe then administered the Oath of Office and Councilmember Russell was seated.

*Resolution No. 22-01.* Councilmember Sears moved to table this resolution until the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmembers welcomed Councilmember Russell.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

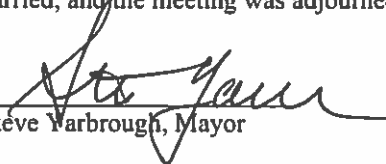
Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the January 4, 2021 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35772 – 35805 with \$226,108.11 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$227,308.11 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. There was brief discussion about the bills.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

  
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Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
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Lisa Stowe, Clerk