

# 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, April 19, 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, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, 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 attended a tabletop meeting regarding planning for a Culmback dam failure, in preparation for a drill in May. He said the community egg hunt was well received. He also thanked staff for working all night on a waterline break.

### STAFF REPORT

Director Norris talked about the watermain break and thanked staff for working all night, including Office Manager Beaston who managed phones. He showed a graphic of the water main and explained why it broke, showing an abandoned line that was not only abandoned incorrectly, but covered with asphalt and removed from the maps. He reviewed the plans for a permanent fix and clean up. He also thanked the Council for approving the purchase of the concrete saw, which saved hours of work. The new vactor truck was also used, and with this new equipment, outside resources did not have to be utilized, which saved a minimum \$2,400. He thanked the Council for giving staff the tools to do what they needed to do. There was brief discussion around the type of old pipe involved in the break, the budget for repairs, the quality of old maps, as-builts, and sink holes.

Director Norris also said the first ad hoc meeting went well. The inmate crew has been working on retention ponds and will be assisting on the watermain repair.

Office Manager Beaston apologized for getting her report to the Council late, due to the watermain break.

Clerk Stowe told the Council that the annual financial report was available for review. She said the report is the culmination of the year's financial activities and is the basis for annual audits. She asked any councilmember interested in reviewing the draft to arrange a time to meet with her. There were no questions.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked Office Manager Beaston for her volunteer work on the community egg hunt. He also thanked staff for their work on the watermain break. He reminded everyone that ballots are due.

Councilmember Lie thanked Office Manager Beaton for her monthly report. He spoke briefly about the poor quality of A/C pipe, how obsolete it is, and how frequently it fails. He also said Director Norris did a good job on the ad hoc committee and that the committee had a motivated citizen involved.

Councilmember Martin repeated the thanks for the egg hunt and said turnout was wonderful. She thanked Office Manager Beaton for manning phones all night during the break, and city staff for their work.

Councilmember Russell also thanked staff. He said staff are consummate professionals.

Councilmember Phillips said she echoed the thanks regarding the egg hunt and the watermain break.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Deanna Guay said that a time had been set up for the Health Department to look at recreational vehicles parked near Rico's Pizza. She also talked about a political sign with inappropriate phrasing that she doesn't feel people should have to see when driving by.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution 22-04, Amending the Public Records Manual.* This resolution updates wording in the manual and sets a policy viewing large files. Councilmember Lie asked about the use of Dropbox. Clerk Stowe said Director Norris had also mentioned the ability of the City to utilize companies for printing large files such as maps and diagrams. Councilmember Sears felt this resolution might have to be revisited but was comfortable taking action. He moved to adopt Resolution 22-04 as written and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion to allow for discussion on the motion. Councilmember Phillips asked if the resolution would then have to be amended. After the suggestions by Councilmember Lie and Director Norris, Clerk Stowe felt this resolution should be amended and brought back to the Council. Mayor Yarbrough then called for a vote and all voted opposed. Councilmember Sears then moved to table the resolution for amendments and to bring it back to the Council, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

*Resolution 22-05, Social Media Policy.* There was a great deal of discussion around the use of social media, including the need for it, the toxicity that exists on Facebook, the ability or inability to allow comments and monitor those, the amount of staff time this will take, difficulties around public records requests and record retention, the cost of third-party vendors, that the information already exists on the City website, and pages vs. groups. After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to add wording to disable comments to section 'E' and then to bring back the amended resolution for further discussion, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

#### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Lie talked a bit more about the complaint process with Facebook, then spoke about the need to paint regulated parking areas relating to Wallace Falls State Park. Director Norris said the painting is already planned.

Councilmember Russell spoke about the sign brought up during the citizen comment period. He said he had reviewed the City's sign ordinance and signs of a political nature. Mayor Yarbrough said the sign in particular has been there for some time, it is on private property and falls under free speech. The City had looked into this previously and there isn't much that can be done. Councilmember Russell then spoke about a parking spot on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and SR2 that blocks views of oncoming traffic when large vehicles are parked there.

Councilmember Lie said he had also researched the sign and approached Municipal Research Services Center about the issue and that basically nothing can be done without hiring an attorney.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

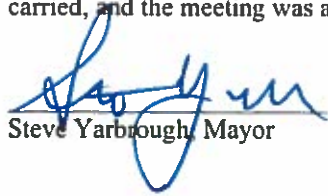
Councilmember Sears to approve the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35990 – 36017 with \$99,145.34 for claims and \$1,637.81 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$100,783.15 and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. *It should be noted that the agenda incorrectly still listed the same voucher numbers from the previous meeting. The amounts of vouchers were correct.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Slowe, Clerk