

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, by Zoom and in person. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough said the Gold Bar Face Book page has been published. He is reviewing the possibility of a portal that would allow credit card use but as this will incur costs and audit reviews, it will need thinking about.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris thanked the Council for their support over the last three years and he has now obtained his certification as a Water Distribution Manager II. Blue Line had a change in staffing so the stakeholder meeting is delayed until October but this doesn't impact timing of the grant. Staff have completed painting of crosswalks relating to the school. There is one left to do that does not impact the school and staff will be testing thermal coating rather than paint, for durability. Councilmember Lie asked him if the Ad Hoc group was finished and he said they still have to revisit transportation impact fees.

Office Manager Beaston sent out her report for July and August.

Chief Hess reviewed his report, talking about recent calls and parking, and an upcoming community crime prevention meeting for the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about the use of traffic circles and crosswalks that are raised tables. He thanked Office Manager Beaston for her reports.

Councilmember Russell talked about the Wallace River bridge and the amount of garbage and graffiti there. Director Norris told him the bridge is the responsibility of Snohomish County. Councilmember Russell also talked about the adjacent area that is shown on Google maps as a park. Director Norris said the majority of that area is wetland and can't be utilized.

Councilmember Martin reminded people that the burn ban is still in effect.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 758. This ordinance amends Title 2 relating to cancellation of Council meetings. Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Ordinance No. 758 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Rates. Director Norris reviewed the current rates and the proposed rate increase for 2023. After discussion, he told the Council to be prepared to talk about it further in the budget process.

Resolution No. 22-08. This resolution updates the process for signatures on the banking account. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 22-08 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-09. This resolution amends the financial plan to allow for the use of beginning/ending revenue in the stormwater fund. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 22-09 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 759. This ordinance amends Title 2 relating to public participation during Council meetings. Because of recent changes due to COVID, residents can no longer be required to state their address as a requirement to speaking during public comments. After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance No. 759 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Dump Truck Update. Director Norris said Ford is still not producing fleet vehicles and reminded the Council of the discussion from the previous meeting about the urgency to find a truck prior to snow, and that one may now cost up to \$25,000 more than expected. After the last meeting, the trucks he had found for that cost had all been sold. A vehicle was found that is the same as what the City had ordered from Ford, with the exceptions of being an extended cab and a slightly longer bed. This vehicle was being looked at by another city as well. After review of the cost, and discussion with the mayor and city clerk, the decision was made to get the truck while it was still available. This truck cost \$12,000 more rather than \$25,000. It was purchased but has not been used, waiting on full Council approval.

Clerk Stowe said that while the Council was informed of the potential additional cost at the last meeting and there was no objection, she realized she should have asked for a motion. In June of 2021 when the Council approved the cost of the new dump truck, that was done by motion. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the additional cost of \$12,000 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sears. Clerk Stowe said there was further information that could impact the motion. Mayor Yarbrough called for a vote and the motion failed, with Councilmember Russell voting against it, Councilmember Lie abstaining, and no other Councilmember voting.

Clerk Stowe then brought up the costs of sales tax and licensing, which still need to be paid for. After further discussion, which included costs to individual funds, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize an additional \$25,000 for the dump truck and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Councilmember Sears asked about the disposition of the old dump truck. Director Norris will remove the plow and sanding equipment as well as safety lights, and then will approach the Council regarding the surplus process.

Ordinance No. 760. This ordinance amends multiple codes relating to work done by the Ad Hoc committee. Director Norris asked for any questions. Mayor Yarbrough said he hoped the Council had time to review this one over the last few days. Director Norris then went over some of the amendments. After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance No. 760 amending municipal codes for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 761. This ordinance amends the 2022 budget to authorize the use of beginning/ending balances and to amend the budget as a result of the dump truck purchase. Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that they had been

informed last year a budget amendment would be needed at the time of purchase. She said this could be done at the end of the year with the normal budget amendments but she preferred to have the dump truck separate from normal operating procedures for ease of auditing. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Ordinance No. 761 amending the budget for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by both Councilmembers Phillips and Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin reminded the Council again about fire danger.

Councilmember Russell thanked Director Norris for his work for the Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Yarbrough then thanked Councilmembers Russell and Lie for their work on the Ad Hoc committee.

MINUTES APPROVAL


Councilmember Sears to approve the August 16th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by both Councilmembers Martin and Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36251 – 36288 with \$114,123.84 for claims and \$42,891.16 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$157,015.00 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 8:09 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk

