

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00. 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, Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the recent high-water event. He met with the Department of Emergency Management, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, and the Army Corp of Engineers during the event to monitor water levels and the County dike. The County is currently monitoring a log jam. The City had already placed measurement devices in the dike for monitoring changes and Mayor Yarbrough said that while there were changes downstream none were the result of any changes in the dike itself.

Mayor Yarbrough also met with City staff and State Senator Hawkins at the City Hall. Councilmember Lie asked if there was discussion around SR2 traffic, which there was.

There may be grants available for debris flow mitigation related to the Bolt Creek Fire.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess spoke briefly about meeting with business owners and planning for the upcoming holiday parade, which will be December 17th at 5:00 pm. There was brief discussion around the presence of Mr. and Ms. Claus.

Director Norris said staff are working on a lot of small projects. The City sign is back and will be installed. Additions are being installed on the new dump truck and staff are waiting on final parts for the plow. Councilmember Lie asked about the surplus equipment discussed at the last meeting and potholes on 1st Street. Councilmember Sears asked for a timeline on the new dump truck being ready to plow and was told it depended on the parts they were waiting for. Councilmember Phillips asked how the public could purchase surplus equipment and Director Norris reviewed the process. Councilmember Russell asked about crack seal work that was done and if it was done to any specifications. The vendor mistakenly went down the wrong street and quit when they realized their mistake. The streets eligible for crack seal work had to meet specifications by the Transportation Improvement Board and not all streets were eligible.

Clerk Stowe said the CivicPlus agreement approved by the Council at the previous meeting had been sent back with changes, including a reduced cost. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the amended CivicPlus agreement and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears apologized for missing the last meeting. Councilmember Phillips moved to excuse Councilmember Sears' absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, with Councilmember Sears abstaining.

Councilmember Lie said that he had previously informed the Council he would be gone and Mayor Yarbrough told him that his absence had already been excused. Councilmember Lie said in the past sixteen years this Council has the best attendance he's seen.

Councilmember Martin let everyone know there is a burn ban in effect.

Councilmember Russell talked about mushrooming and said he would look at the dike.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for being late.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm and reviewed the requirements for the hearing. The agenda for the public hearing included the 2023 budget, 2023 property taxes, and amendments to the fee schedule. No Councilmember had any ex parte contacts, breaches of appearance of fairness, or any conflict of interest that would require them to be recused from the hearing.

Clerk Stowe reviewed the draft budget and let the Council know there may be changes to final figures. There was discussion around the funds and the difficulty of this year's budget process. In particular, the stormwater fund no longer supports itself. There was discussion around the stormwater fund, the street fund, the water capital plan and projects, paying off the USDA loan, the inability to afford hiring another maintenance person, and the possibility instead of hiring a seasonal temporary worker for summer months, with no benefits. After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance #763 relating to the 2023 budget for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Resolution #20-13 relating to 2023 property taxes was presented. After brief discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to accept Resolution #22-13 relating to the 2023 property taxes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. Councilmember Sears then moved to accept the associated Levy Certification related to 2023 property taxes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Changes to the City's fee schedule were presented and discussed. Clerk Stowe asked that any associated motion include wording to strike the sentence relating to transportation/street impact fees as those need further research and possibly changes to municipal code. The resolution also included changes to animal control charges, an increase in stormwater rates, and an increase in water assessment rates. The utility rate changes stay with in the 3% percent increase the Council had previously discussed as an annual rate increase to cover increased costs to the City. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution #22-14 amending the City's Fee Schedule as amended to strike wording related to street impact fees, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried. The regular agenda was returned to at 7:53 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal for Fire Inspections. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize entering into the Interlocal for Fire Inspections and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about missing the previous Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and that he will be attending the next one. He also spoke briefly about the recent high-water event and the dike.

MINUTES APPROVAL

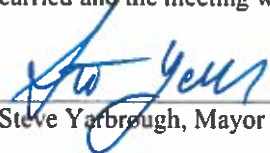
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the November 1st, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36419 – 36443 with \$117,981.85 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$119,181.85 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk