

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 6, 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, and Russell. 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 Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the difficulty in plowing streets when cars are parked there, especially in the Creekside area. He said the City received a TIB grant that Director Norris will address. He also talked about upcoming holiday events.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about statistics, recent events, and the need to spread the word about the upcoming holiday parade. He also talked about Shop with a Cop that will benefit five students from Gold Bar.

Director Norris thanked staff for all the hard work during the recent snow event. He reviewed the status of plows and said staff were working on clearing sidewalks. The TIB grant is for \$405,000 for street overlay work on specific streets. The City portion will be \$21,000. He said the City is lucky to have received \$774,000 in grants from TIB over the past four years and they are generous to Gold Bar. Councilmember Lie moved to authorize the mayor to enter into the street overlay grant with TIB and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe said the Finance Committee is down to one councilmember. She will be drafting a resolution to allow a staff person to be on the committee and encouraged councilmembers and residents to consider volunteering so responsibilities aren't on one person. Councilmember Lie volunteered to be on the finance committee.

Clerk Stowe also reminded Councilmembers again that they must check emails once a week, organize their inboxes, and follow record retention rules. She said staff will begin mailing out council checks as checks aren't being picked up and it can be difficult for councilmembers to come in when they work full time.

Office Manager Beaston said no one has contacted her regarding being part of the Holiday parade other than someone who wants to bring horses. There was brief discussion around this.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie said the snow response this year was the best he's seen. He talked about political signs still on streets, and the Morning Star land trust.

Councilmember Martin thanked City staff for plowing. She asked about running water at Maggie's Café and there was brief discussion around that, which is no issue for the City. She also brought up the fire department Ho-Ho Run.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the fire department event and plowing.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for being late.

2021 AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE

State auditors Kristina Baylor and Erika Davies presented information on the City's audit for 2021. They reviewed the audit process and goals, and the importance of audits. The audit will be published on their website within two weeks. The audit of financials was clean and unmodified. Financials, processes, and internal controls were reviewed. There were no areas of non-compliance. There was a savings to the City of \$2,500 related to being able to do a remote audit and staff assistance. They thanked staff for being responsive and quick, and for being a pleasure to work with.

Councilmember Russell thanked them for their work and briefly discussed with them the costs for the next audit which will be an accountability audit as well as financial.

After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the audit representation letter and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:45 pm and reviewed the requirements for the hearing. The agenda for the public hearing was the 2023 budget. 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.

Ordinance #763 relating to the 2023 budget was presented. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance #763 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried. The regular agenda was returned to at 7:49 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 762 Amending 2022 Budget. Ordinance #762 relating to amending the 2022 budget was presented. Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance #762 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about how much the town has changed and how everything seems to work. He thanked staff for their work on the audit.

Councilmember Russell agreed with Councilmember Lie. He also talked about water rates and local crime.

Councilmember Phillips thanked staff for their hard work during the year so that audits come out good.

MINUTES APPROVAL

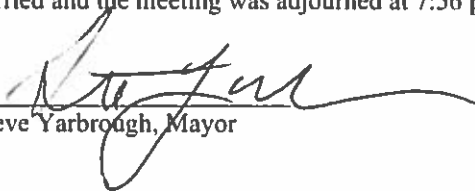
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the November 15th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36444 – 36485 with \$21,712.80 for claims and \$41,403.04 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$63,115.84 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk

