

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

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, Russell, and Sears, with Councilmember Phillips coming in shortly into Chief Hess report. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, and Chief Hess.

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 welcomed everyone to 2023 and stated that there are only twenty-four down and seventy-two to go for his term. The year ended with mother nature reminding us who is in charge, with more wind forecast.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess went over two reports; one for the year and the other being for the month of December. Much discussion ensued.

Director Norris stated they got a new plow for the tractor and within three and half hours they were able to plow all the sidewalks along the highway, 10th Street, Lewis Ave, 1st Street, and May Creek Road so super productive and it's making the sidewalks safer for the citizens. Along with that just before Christmas they broke out the sander and spent the better part of the day sanding streets, so it was very productive. However, the clutch went out on the sander. They have ordered a new one and it will be back up and working prior to the next snow event.

Director Norris stated that during the big freeze several people called in with complaints of no water, when in fact they had water, they just had frozen pipes. Only one meter needed to be changed out. There were lots of people with water leaks, some using over sixty thousand gallons. Meters were read last week and there are a lot of people that probably have no idea that they have a leak. There will be a notice on the back of the bill regarding leaks and contacting the city for a possible adjustment with provided documentation. During the freeze a branch came down and broke the windshield and dented a city truck.

Director Norris talked briefly about the crosswalk on Croft Avenue that Washington Department of Transportation (DOT) is planning in 2024. He showed a brief presentation on what the crosswalk would look like. Much discussion ensued with councilmembers having several safety concerns regarding the crosswalk.

Office Manager Beaston had no report but handed Councilmember Martin a memo on the vouchers regarding the totals being off, but the voucher numbers being correct.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears briefly talked about how the citizens stepped up and helped their neighbors during the event.

Councilmember Lie wanted to acknowledge the city staff efforts during the snow event and thanked them for the work being done.

Councilmember Martin just wanted to continue the ‘atta-boys’ for city staff, that it’s very impressive.

Councilmember Russell hopes that staff is having safety meetings. He talked briefly about the outreach from neighbors and helping each other.

Councilmember Phillips wanted to echo what the others had said.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers briefly talked about the crosswalk and that in 2006 there was a US2 safety coalition that were able to get a lot done. He would like to get a coalition together again.

CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Yarbrough briefly explained the reason for repealing Resolution 22-15. Councilmember Sears moved to repeal Resolution 22-15 and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmembers Sears, Lie, Martin, and Phillips had no comments.

Councilmember Russell just wanted to say he thought Joe Beavers’ idea was good in putting pressure on DOT.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20th, 2022, as presented, with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36519 – 36551, with \$10,839.08 for claims, which has been updated and are correct, and with \$54,900.05 for payroll and payroll taxes, which is also correct, for a grand total update of \$65,739.13 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 7:50pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Denise Beaston, Office Manager