

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 20, 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 Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about recent meetings and the holiday parade. He received a letter of interest in the open resident position on the City's Finance Committee from resident Peggy Hess. She has lived in city limits for a year. Councilmember Martin moved to appoint Ms. Hess to the finance committee, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess said the holiday parade went well and he would like to get more residents participating next year. He also said the annual Shop with a Cop went well and is a highlight of the holiday season. He will have December's report and the annual statistics at the next meeting. He also said the first of three new trucks should be arriving.

Director Norris has received the Fall View plat for development of thirty-nine homes. This has been expected and is available if the Council would like to come in and review it. He said there were some growing pains with the new plow, but it is now working well. Staff started plowing at 3 a.m.. They have a new tool that makes plowing the sidewalks much easier and was needed because the Department of Transportation (DOT) was doing something different that pushed snow up onto the sidewalks. Councilmember Lie talked about snow management for specific intersections and there was discussion around those areas.

Office Manager Beaston received a call from a citizen thanking staff for taking care of the hill at May Creek tracts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears apologized for missing the last meeting and asked to have the absence excused. He thanked staff for snow removal work.

Councilmember Lie attended his first Finance Committee and recommended that all councilmembers look at bills and see the day-to-day operations. He also encouraged people to donate blood. He talked about visibility issues at the intersection of 1st and Croft, and DOT's plan for that intersection. He is concerned DOT will make changes there without accepting input from the City.

Councilmember Martin thanked City staff for plowing. She also said there was still time to sign up for the fire department Ho-Ho Run.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the fire department event, and talked about plowing and DOT's proposed intersection work.

Councilmember Phillips moved to excuse Councilmember Sears' absence from the December 6th 2022 Council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Sears abstaining. Councilmember Phillips also thanked staff for keeping the streets clear.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 762 Amending 2022 Budget. Ordinance #762 relating to amending the 2022 budget was presented. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #762 for a second reading and approval, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Water System Plan. Director Norris reviewed the City's water system plan, which is required by the Department of Health (DOH). He talked about the background of the plan, the amendment schedule, how long it has taken the DOH to move on the amendment, differences in the new version, timelines, water system projects and costs, storage capacity, booster pump capacity, grants, and funding upgrades through annual increases to assessments. He encouraged all Councilmembers to read the plan. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept the April 2021 Water System Plan and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-15 Amending Personnel Manual. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution No. 22-15 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-16, Finance Committee. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution No. 22-16 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie encouraged councilmembers to read the water system plan.

Councilmember Martin encouraged people to drive safely.

Councilmember Russell encouraged people to watch their water systems at home and thanked Director Norris for the list of water system projects.

Councilmember Phillips thanked neighbors for helping out with the snow.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the January 6th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Sears abstaining.

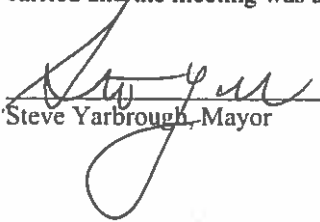
VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36462 – 36518 with \$736,050.03 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$737,250.03 and Councilmember Russell seconded the motion. Clerk Stowe then called for a question on the amounts as they did not match the check register. The motion failed for lack of votes.

Councilmember Martin then moved to approve checks numbering 36487 – 36518 with \$716,486.86 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$717,686.86 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. Clerk Stowe verified check numbers and amounts prior to printing these minutes. The incorrect amounts and check numbers that were on the agenda included some checks from the previous Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk