

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 17th, 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, Sears, and Phillips. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston and Chief Hess.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough stated that he had attended the January 4th Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting in Sultan and provided the State of the City Address. Mayor Yarbrough went on to talk about the meeting out on the cannery dike with Department of Emergency Management, County Surface Water and Corp of Engineers and came up with the next steps in preparing to get the dike repaired. The next meeting out on the dike will be with Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Tulalip Tribes.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris talked about the new Federal Government requirement that is being enforced by Washington Department of Drinking Water that requires all local water service providers to do an audit of all service lines between the water meter and the house and we must know what type of water service line is in use between the meter and the house. This new requirement is due by the end of 2023 and is the result of what took place in Detroit with their water service problems. In years past some jurisdiction may have used lead or galvanized service lines which can react with the water and contaminate the house with a high lead content. In the past the jurisdictions have only been responsible for the waterline between the main and the meter, but by the end of 2023 we have to put a plan in place and it's the water jurisdiction's responsibility that if there are any lead service lines or galvanized services lines between the meter and the house, the jurisdiction has to pay to replace those lines or the jurisdiction can do it themselves. Much discussion ensued with councilmembers regarding the new regulations.

Chief Hess went over stats for inside the city and in the Gold Bar Region and briefly talked about the call at the Family Grocer and response times for the units responding and who all responded. Chief Hess stated that there would be a Block Watch meeting on January 21st. Much discussion ensued.

Office Manager Beaston had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked Chief Hess for trying to push for the body cameras; he always thinks it's great for accountability and stuff.

Councilmember Lie had no comments.

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Hess for the response to the Gold Bar Family Grocer.

Councilmember Russell also thanked Chief Hess and wondered if there was a middle of the road response for the earlier calls with this individual.

Councilmember Phillips thanked Chief Hess and for all the work that they do.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

Joe Beavers gave kudos to the woman at the Family Grocer during the situation. Mr. Beavers stated that middle ground is something that would have to come from Olympia and not the city or county.

CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Director Rich Norris stated that he had mentioned to council that the plat application for the property located beyond Wallace Falls Court on Ley Road had been received. The initial plat has been named Fall View and it includes 39 lots and four tracks of property that will, he believes, be conveyed to the city. The application is currently at the city's consultants for review for adherence to our Gold Bar Municipal Codes, and that the Stormwater facilities meets the Washington State Stormwater manual and then all of the ecology information that needs to be reviewed.

Mr. Norris stated that the property was originally submitted back in 2004 to 2005 as a 54 lot development, but it has been scaled back to the 39 due to the fact that the Department of Health has increased the minimum lot size for your typical 3 and 4 bedroom home, so the lots are much bigger than they were in 2004.

Mr. Norris stated that he had provided the plat map so the council could get an initial look at it and that he is available if anyone has any questions. The property has been posted for the public, but we don't have a Hearing Examiner date set as of yet. The application is complete, and the applicant has been notified.

Much discussion ensued with council on where the edge of the property is located from the park and the Wallace River and what the dedicated lots could be used for, stormwater discussion, and if there would be a HOA.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

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

Councilmember Phillips had a question on if the discussion from earlier in the year on growth, if this effected that. Mr. Norris stated that the growth plan was based on total amount of developable land within city limits and the UGA, so this current design fits in with our population growth model.

Chief Hess talked about another call they had responded to on the day of the Gold Bar Family Grocer incident.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from January 3rd, 2023, as presented, with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36552 – 36581 with \$118,344.82 for claims and \$1,646.59 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$119,991.41 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 7:53pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Denise Beaston, Office Manager