

# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 7, 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, Clerk Stowe, and Chief Hess.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough updated the Council on meetings regarding the Cannery Levee, upcoming emergency planning meetings, and upcoming tabletop exercises on railroad derailments.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about the number of incidents compared to earlier months, the positive feedback he's receiving, recent arrests, equipment, and meetings with other communities. Councilmember Phillips asked for clarification regarding reviewing properties for safety and there was brief discussion around this. Councilmember Lie asked about the availability of the Chief's reports. Mayor Yarbrough said the reports are available at the city hall and Office Manager Beaston said they are also on the city website. There was brief discussion about activities outside of Gold Bar. Mayor Yarbrough also asked when a meeting with resource officers at the elementary school would be rescheduled. There is no date set yet.

Director Norris said the Well 4 rebuild is still ongoing. There was discussion around sediment, bringing Well 1 online as an emergency backup, providing water without having to purchase from the PUD, well capacities, the pH of water, and blending.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie attended the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting which had a presentation by the Health District. He also encouraged people to donate blood.

Councilmember Martin attended a chamber of commerce meeting that had an interesting presentation by Community Transit.

Councilmember Russell also talked about Community Transit.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for missing the previous meeting. Councilmember Sears moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips' absence at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Katrina Dohn spoke about fireworks.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Health District Agreement.* Clerk Stowe reminded the Council of the history around relinquishing rights to the Rucker Building, and the concerns the City had. She and Mayor Yarbrough met with Snohomish County, who took the City's concerns to their legal team. Clerk Stowe did the same with the City attorney. After review, an amended agreement was drafted. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the agreement and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried. Councilmember Martin pointed out dates in the agreement that will have to be updated.

*February 7, 2023 Minutes, Amended.* After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmembers Sears was glad to see the Health District issue resolved.

Councilmember Russell said it was nice to see the City doing due diligence where the Health District was concerned.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36657 – 36691 with \$16,444.26 for claims and \$44,154.89 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$60,599.15 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 7:41 pm.

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Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer