

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 21, 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. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston and Chief Hess. Councilmember Phillips was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough stated work was still being done to set a meeting with agencies for a long-term solution for the Cannery Levee. He went on to say that DEM (Department of Emergency Management) is interested in hosting a meeting to discuss flood risk for the community.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris talked about the well repairs, tree removal from the levee, and grindings.

Councilmember Lie inquired about the Comprehensive Plan and had some items that he thought needed cleaned up. Director Norris stated that he has talked to the consultants and prior to adoption the Plan will come before council and the public several times so there will be plenty of time to get those items covered. Director Norris stated that the City will handle community outreach and that he will have a booth at Gold Dust Days to accomplish that.

Councilmember Russell talked about a post he saw on social media regarding potholes and asked Director Norris what could be done. Much discussion ensued.

Office Manager Beaston stated she had nothing to report. Councilmember Lie inquired if she had caught the two dogs that had been in his yard earlier in the day. She stated that she had caught them further down May Creek and they have been claimed. Brief discussion ensued.

Chief Hess stated that he will hold Coffee With the Chief on March 4th in Council Chambers. He is also working with DEM on doing a tabletop exercise on train derailment. Much discussion ensued.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears stated that he had met with County Councilmember Megan Dunn and she brought up concerns that the City hadn't approved the transfer of the Health District Rucker Building to the Health Department. Mayor Yarbrough stated that it will be on the next agenda.

Councilmember Lie talked about the CERT class that he had been through and his concerns for railroad cars sitting on tracks and that on occasion are broken into. Much discussed ensued. Councilmember Lie then gave an update on Snohomish County Tomorrow meetings. He, too, has had a conversation with Councilmember Dunn and the importance of working with the Health Department.

Councilmember Martin stated that Community Transit (CT) will be at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 1st and it would be a good time to bring up City concerns. The meeting is at noon on March 1st at Sultan City Hall in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Russell thanked the Chief for being proactive on the railroad thing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about a past incident with a train.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #763 Amending Title 15. Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve Ordinance #763 and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie said it would be a shame if the City didn't advocate for continued CT service. He thinks that removing it would be a mistake and that as a government group we should encourage it to continue.

Councilmember Martin stated that she didn't believe that CT is planning any cuts and that their presentation would give us an opportunity to lobby for more service, more frequently, and possibly to go further up the valley.

Councilmember Russell stated he highly agreed and said CT might get increased ridership if they went to Wallace Falls State Park. He stated he has spoken to CT and they have said they are actually looking at cutting back trips to Gold Bar.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7th, 2023 as presented, with a second by Councilmember Russell. Councilmember Lie asked for an amendment. The motion then died for lack of action.

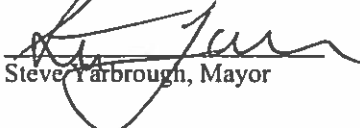
Councilmember Lie made a motion to approve the February 7th minutes with an amendment to end his comments where he spoke about the area that might work for a bus stop. Councilmember Sears seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with the amendment.


VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36626-36656 with \$17,873.51 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$19,073.51 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.


Steve Farbrough, Mayor


Denise Beaton, Office Manager

