

# 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, February 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 Martin, the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Yarbrough attended a meeting about comprehensive planning and attended one about community transit regarding the proposed crosswalk and bus routes. He continues to monitor the levee and he and staff met with several agencies regarding this. Mayor Yarbrough also presented a Sky Valley community award to the local chapter of Red Hats for their work with community events.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Hess reviewed his report and demonstrated recent changes to an interactive map. There was brief discussion around his report.

Director Norris showed the Council an updated amortization schedule relating to the City's USDA loan, and the impact last year's extra payment of \$700,000 had on the loan. That payment reduced the length of the loan by sixteen years and saved the City \$479,126.55 in interest.

Director Norris also talked about the recent failure of a well pump, the costs of a new pump (\$100,000), and the choice to treat water rather than purchase from the PUD in the interim. There was discussion around the pump.

Office Manager Beaston reported on code enforcement and animal control. Councilmember Russell asked about a property in city limits and there was discussion around enforcement on private property.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears said he was glad to be back in person and spoke briefly about property taxes and upcoming meetings.

Councilmember Lie thanked Chief Hess for his culture of communication, talked about the community block watch group, and reviewed areas where Community Transit could create new bus stops.

Councilmember Martin congratulated Mayor Yarbrough about the Sky Valley Chamber presentation, said she would be meeting with Community Transit, and congratulated staff for their work on the USDA loan.

Councilmember Russell thanked Chief Hess for the information he provides.

Councilmember Phillips asked Director Norris about pH levels in the well water during work on the pump, which are running at 7.2. This level is well below the Department of Health's threshold.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Resolution 22-15 amending the personnel manual.* This resolution was previously acted on by the Council and then repealed. A minor change was made in this version. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to adopt Resolution 22-15 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution 23-01, Hazard Mitigation Plan.* Clerk Stowe gave a brief background on the plan which is updated annually. Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Resolution 23-01 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #763 amending Title 15.* This ordinance removes and updates old language no longer done by the City. Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Ordinance #763 for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmembers Sears asked for an update on the proposed skate park, which is on hold until a vendor is found who will be willing to come to Gold Bar to do the needed work.

Councilmember Lie talked about Community Transit and another area near 429<sup>th</sup> that might work for a park.

Councilmember Martin talked about the washout in Index.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

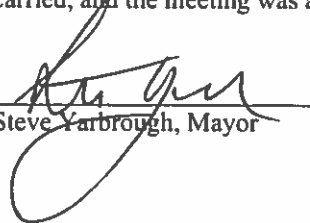
Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36582 – 36625 with \$120,069.99 for claims and \$44,455.82 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$164,525.81 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 7:59 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

