

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 4, 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, Sears, and Phillips. Councilmember Russell arrived at 7:08. Also present was Office Manager Beaston, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

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 had a meeting regarding the Miracle Food Network and their work in food distribution in Gold Bar.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess's report was in council packets. He reviewed the top five things deputies are involved in currently, then talked about attending a block watch meeting, the Wallace Falls State park and parking, traffic enforcement, and the upcoming Coffee with the Chief. Councilmember Lie asked about traffic stop numbers and there was brief discussion around that.

Clerk Stowe reminded the council that it was time to do their public disclosure report to the Public Disclosure Commission. There was discussion around whether this was still required annually.

Office Manager Beaston spoke briefly about violations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears talked about April Fool's day.

Councilmember Lie talked about the site of the first atomic bomb explosion. He also talked about the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting he attended. There was brief discussion around the low-income housing initiative and potential impacts to Gold Bar.

Councilmember Martin is still interested in the possible modification of fireworks bans. She also asked about a Department of Emergency Management meeting. Mayor Yarbrough said it will be on April 26th, and will be advertised.

Councilmember Russell apologized for the technical difficulties that delayed his arrival via Zoom. He attended a Crime Stoppers meeting and talked about wanting to require bikes to have lights after dark.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers asked about assistance from Chief Hess regarding traffic cones and safety during refurbishing work at the chapel outside of Sultan.

CONTINUED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Pace Engineering Agreement. The City regularly works with Pace Engineering and the agreement for services needed to be renewed. It was noted that Exhibit B was blank rather than containing fees. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to table the agreement until the next meeting and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

Gold Bar Geek IT Interlocal. Clerk Stowe neglected to bring this interlocal to the Council for renewal in January and apologized. Mayor Pro-Tem Lie took over this portion of the agenda. There was discussion around whether to send the interlocal out for bid or to continue with current services. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve the interlocal as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried. The meeting was then turned back over to Mayor Yarbrough.

Ordinance #764, Uncollected Debt. Clerk Stowe gave the background information regarding this ordinance and there was discussion around the reasons for it and utilizing the policy. After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #764 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried.

Proclamation for Food Waste Prevention Week. Mayor Yarbrough presented this, which is part of the Miracle Food Network. Councilmember Lie moved to accept this proclamation and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie said he would have preferred the subject of amending fireworks codes to have come from local citizens rather than someone connected to the fireworks industry. He also believes this won't change the fireworks culture in Gold Bar.

Councilmember Martin thanked the mayor for the proclamation.

Councilmember Russell spoke briefly about fireworks and agreed with Councilmember Martin that it might provide revenue for local businesses but also agreed with Councilmember Lie that he doubted it would change the culture.

Councilmember Phillips is all for fireworks but also agrees with Councilmember Lie that it would be better if it was done locally.

MINUTES APPROVAL

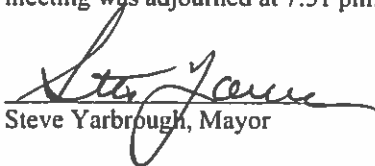
Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21st, 2023 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36722 - 36758 with \$28,078.22 for claims and \$47,749.80 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$75,828.02 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 7:51 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer