

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 18, 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 in person were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Staff members present in person were Director Norris, Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaton, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Phillips attended by Zoom, signing in at 7:05.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough met with representatives from the Wallace Falls State Park to discuss parking issues. They currently have no funding to expand parking spaces and it could be three to four years before they do.

He was asked to put up signs prohibiting activity at Eagle Falls but informed the requester that the area is not in Gold Bar city limits.

He reminded people that this Saturday is Gold Dust Days and that there would be a city booth there for information on the comprehensive plan updates.

Councilmember Lie asked about the status of the house at 120 Lewis Avenue. Mayor Yarbrough told him that at the time the Health District visited the structure, work was already going on for the purchase of the place. Director Norris spoke about the work being done and the permit process.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about the human element of their work and commended Deputy Gallina for his recent assistance in a case involving a person with mental health issues. Deputy Gallina's involvement in the community and knowledge of the people they serve meant he was able to help this person and transport him so he was not faced with strangers. Deputy Gallina also took care of the person's dog, including working on his day off. City staff assisted with the care of the dog and because of this, the person and the dog were able to be reunited.

Curtis Kimble talked about restoration work on the Gateway sign. Mayor Yarbrough reminded him that if this needed Council action it should be an agenda item and that Mr. Kimble had previously requested it to be on an agenda and then cancelled. Mr. Kimble apologized. Councilmember Lie then moved to amend the agenda to allow this presentation and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. Mr. Kimble then proceeded to review restoration plans. There was discussion around timing, landscaping, what approvals were needed, what tasks City staff would do, and the need for volunteers to keep records of their hours. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve restoration work on the Gateway sign and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Stowe presented the mid-year budget report and reviewed it. The Street fund and the Stormwater fund continue to be areas of concern and it may be that Stormwater rates will have to be increased again next year. Councilmembers Sears and Russell talked about revenue and expenditures from tickets and the percentage of revenue that is paid to the State. Clerk Stowe said there may be a need to raise parking ticket fees.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin talked about the Index Arts Festival and the pancake breakfast hosted by the fire department. Director Norris reminded people that the VFW would also be hosting a breakfast during Gold Dust Days.

Councilmember Russell talked about a traffic incident he witnessed.

Councilmember Lie talked about the comprehensive plan survey that was on the back of utility bills. Director Norris said that is just the first notification and a link to the survey will also be on the City website.

MINUTES APPROVAL

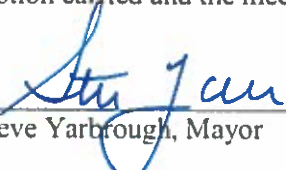
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 18th, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36925 through 36960 with \$15,462.33 for claims and \$49,321.91 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$64,784.24 and checks numbering 36961 through 36989 with \$20,959.06 for claims and \$1,798.31 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$22,757.37, 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 8:02 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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Printed Name	Signature	Resident Y/N (optional)
Geordis Kimble Francis Nieves	 RICHARDA NIEVA	Y YES