

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 20, 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, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Staff members present in person were Director Norris, Chief Hess, and Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Phillips moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include the second Blueline Consultant Agreement and to correct Resolution 22-04 to 23-04. With a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough stated that he had attended an online zoom meeting with DEM regarding community points of distribution, what areas would likely become islands, where the best locations for drops points might be placed to distribute supplies, and how many volunteers would be needed if a major catastrophic event were to occur.

Mayor Yarbrough briefly touched on the Wallace Falls parking issues and what some different solutions might be to increase parking.

Mayor Yarbrough stated that the next council meeting is scheduled for July 4th and asked council if they would like to cancel the next meeting and/or move the meeting. Councilmember Sears made a motion to cancel the council meeting for July 4th with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Councilmember Lie asked if there were any action items on the cannery levy. Brief discussion ensued.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess stated that Gold Bar Sheriff's Office had participated in a Touch a Truck at Gold Bar Elementary School. He met with Representative Kim Schrier's aide, and they discussed several different items including Wallace Falls State Park parking issues, Lake Serene, and any grants that could help with traffic enforcement devices.

Chief Hess briefly talked about attending Gold Dust Days with having a booth set up for him and several other officers that can interact with the citizens, and that they will have items to hand out to the children.

Chief Hess also briefly talked about National Night Out Against Crime, cross-training with the Forest Service Ranger, and traffic enforcement.

Councilmember Lie stated he had spoken to the Forest Service Park Ranger and asked whether King County was fully staffed in that area. Chief Hess stated that they do have a Deputy assigned to that area. Councilmember Lie asked if there

was an interlocal with King County. Chief Hess briefly talked about what happens when a 911 call comes in for that area. Brief discussion ensued.

Director Norris talked briefly about stormwater and the fencing of the retention pond on Elizabeth Lane. City staff installed two new stormwater catch basins on 3rd Street; there is a plan of doing five more throughout the summer. Director Norris went on to say that over the last couple weeks they have worked on cleaning four bioswales where the water basically drains into a field. That area does accumulate silt, and they've never been cleaned so the crew has completed that.

Director Norris stated that the water department finally had received bids for the Linda Avenue watermain replacement. The bids were due by 5pm today and the city received six bids from various general contractors. The bids will be opened tomorrow at 10am.

Director Norris talked briefly about the 415th overlay project which includes 1st Avenue West and a small section of Dorman Road. Work will start on July 10th and should be finished by the end of the week.

Director Norris stated that the WUI (Wildland-Urban Interface Code) that was to go into effect on July 1st has been pushed back until October 28th by the State Building Council.

Director Norris said lastly this year at Gold Dust Days the city will have a booth that will be manned by him, and the primary objective will be the comprehensive plan. Consultants have put together a survey that will be available at the booth and also online. He will be looking for feedback from citizens on what they want to see in the future for the city. There may also be displays of Gold Bar.

Councilmember Lie asked what the status was on Well 4. Director Norris stated that the company has all the parts and is waiting to finish some projects before installing them. He is hoping for next week. Brief discussion ensued regarding the well and stormwater.

Office Manager Beaton stated the city had received notification from a bank that the problem house located at 120 Lewis Avenue had been foreclosed upon and the bank is waiting for paperwork to be completed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears had no comment.

Councilmember Lie stated he would be attending the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and, on the agenda, they will discuss transit improvement projects. One of the first projects that has been recommended is a traffic roundabout in Sultan. This will be where the parts store is located by Bubba's restaurant and won't have a big impact in helping with the flow of traffic but will allow pedestrians to cross the road safely. Councilmember Lie stated he would be voting yes and asked if anyone had any issues with that. No one did. Councilmember Lie briefly talked about Sultan's six-year plan.

Councilmember Martin talked about fires, brush crews, and the Command trailer. So, although there has been rain the fire danger is still here.

Councilmember Russell stated he had attended the Sky Valley Chamber meeting in Sultan, which was a meet and greet with our State and County elected officials. He talked briefly about a conversation with Representative Steele. Councilmember Russell was invited to go with Representative Steele and Debbie Copple to Wallace Falls State Park to speak to the Ranger regarding the parking issue.

Councilmember Phillips had no comment.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING

Office Manager Beaston opened the public hearing at 7:26 pm for discussion and action on the Transportation Improvement Plan and the related resolution. She reviewed the process and procedure for the public hearing. No Councilmembers listed any reason to be recused from the hearing, or any appearance of fairness or ex-parte issues. She then opened the floor for discussion.

Director Norris stated that every few years the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan must be updated. The number one project, since 2016, is still the Orchard Avenue reconstruction. It's a big project and won't happen until the city can do the watermain on Orchard. There's still discussion on whether sidewalks are wanted or not, and if so, how to time that with the watermain replacement so the road doesn't have to be torn up twice. The number two project was awarded money this year through the TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) program and is the overlay on 415th. One project was on the last Transportation Improvement plan so there were no changes with that one. Powell Lane has also been on the plan since 2016 to be paved. It's one of the gravel roads and there is no money available for converting gravel roads to paved roads, so it sits within the plan as does Linda Avenue from 6th Street to 9th Street. Parts of Linda Avenue are paved between 8th and 9th Street, but again there is no funding for that. The city is, however, going to do the watermain replacement on Linda Avenue. That update to infrastructure may make some money available for those streets. Discussion included other gravel roads that are within the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan and several more projects that have been added this year. The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan was available for view.

After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution 23-04 relating to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan as presented and Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

With no further business, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. The regular Council meeting was returned to at 7:38 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Signage Presentation was tabled due to no presenter being present.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Norris explained the Blueline Consultant Agreement and brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Sears made a motion to authorize the Mayor signing the agreement and Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion. Brief discussion ensued over Blueline project inspection. Motion carried.

Director Norris briefly explained the amendment to second the Blueline Consultant Agreement which had to do with previously approved funding and the current amended amount. Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the amended Blueline Consultant Agreement and Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears had no comment.

Councilmember Lie wants to still pursue looking into a derelict property ordinance. There was brief discussion.

Councilmember Martin had no comment.

Councilmember Russel stated that he likes the Bremerton ordinance pertaining to derelict properties and would like to see something added with a little more teeth to it.

Councilmember Phillips had no comment.

MINUTES APPROVAL

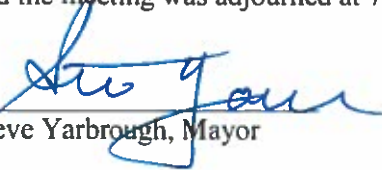
Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the June 6th, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36893 through 36924 with \$63,763.46 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$64,963.46 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 7:55 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Denise Beaston, Office Manager