

# 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, June 6, 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, and Sears. Present via Zoom were Councilmembers Phillips and Russell. Staff members present in person were Director Norris, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaton was present via Zoom.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Russell moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include a presentation on sign restoration and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough thanked Councilmember Lie for getting the Department of Health (DOH) involved with an abandoned home. DOH will make attempts to contact the owner. Mayor Yarbrough would like to create an ordinance dealing abandoned properties for any future issues. He also said staff will receive a credit card demonstration and will look at costs. He then said he is looking at possible grants for park maintenance that do not have matching fund requirements and grants for a potential sewer feasibility study. Councilmember Sears asked if credit card payments would be allowed online and Clerk Stowe said she wasn't sure that would be an option. This will depend on costs and audit requirements.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess gave a snapshot of statistics for May, reviewed calls and related actions, and discussed parking enforcement. There was discussion around the source of calls, parking tickets and rates, and if those rates should be raised.

Director Norris said Well 4 is waiting on bearings for the pump and there was brief discussion around screens and sediment. He also said the Hearing Examiner approved the Fall View Plat at a public hearing and the conclusions are posted on the City website.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears said there will be events in Monroe for Pride Month, and asked what was needed for the skate park as he might have resources to help. Director Norris will let him know.

Councilmember Lie talked about a Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting, housing issues, the lack of infrastructure and access to health care on Highway 2 on Sundays, the Wallace Falls State Park, the recent trail run, cars repeatedly running stop signs, the popularity of the park, the future increase in traffic and related consequences, actions by previous mayors, and then donated a framed aerial photo of Wallace Falls.

Councilmember Martin talked about a recreation coalition meeting, fishing closures, that Wallace Falls State Park didn't get a grant for parking, and that she felt the City should lobby for funding. She also reminded people of the current red flag warning.

Councilmember Russell talked about the Fall View public hearing, Index Galena Road and impacts to Gold Bar, and the option of towing cars illegally parked.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers also talked about actions by previous mayors, then displayed new signs for a block watch group and talked about Wallace Falls funding.

John Graham asked for a letter of support from the City for parking at the Reiter Foothills ORV park. Mayor Yarbrough said the City had already done a letter of support for that previously so they should have one.

Kara Bensley talked about traffic gridlock issues, flooding impacts, and outreach regarding the levee. There was brief discussion.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:50 pm to review the Housing Action Plan and 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.

There was a great deal of discussion on the Housing Action Plan regarding the impact of larger entities on Gold Bar housing, limited housing due to lack of a sewer, that the Plan consists of suggestions for managing housing and not that the City is required to implement them, that the Plan is a boilerplate for small entities, costs of the plan came from a Department of Commerce grant, the Plan is a Growth Management requirement, that the Plan is for the future and the City has the option to vote down actions, and that this brings the City into compliance without promising anything.

After discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to accept Resolution 23-03 relating to the Housing Action Plan as presented and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion carried, with Councilmember Lie voting against the motion and Councilmembers Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears voting for the motion.

With no further business, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried. The regular Council meeting was returned to at 8:03 pm.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Sign Presentation.* Curtis Kimble showed a PowerPoint presentation on proposed work to move and refurbish the Gateway sign. There was discussion around the location to move the sign to, the use of volunteers and City liability, work that City Staff would have to do, impacts to staff, the wish to have the work done prior to Gold Dust Days, and costs to the Department of Labor and Industries for volunteers. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to place this on the agenda for the next meeting and to have Mr. Kimble bring a more concrete plan, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

### **FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Lie talked about the letter of support the City had done for Reiter Foothills parking, current parking issues, the causes of those issues, safety, and that the City should focus instead on Wallace Falls State Park.

Councilmember Russell talked about interactions with people on a bike run and the possibility of creating looped trails for cyclists around Kellogg Lake.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

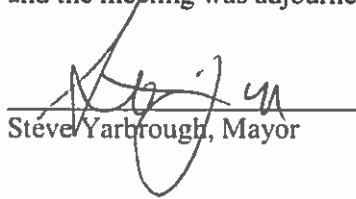
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36847 through 36892 with \$128,956.59 for claims and \$45,573.16 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$174,529.75 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 8:22 pm.

  
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Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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Printed Name	Signature	Resident Y/N (optional)
Curtis Kimble		Y
Joe Bowers		Yes
John Graham	John Graham	N
Kara Bensley		