

# 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, October 3, 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, and Russell. Staff members present in person were Director Norris, former Chief Hess, and Office Manager Beaston. Councilmember Sears and Clerk Stowe attended via Zoom.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Yarbrough talked about progress on offering payments by card, a grant he is working on to add charging stations, and code enforcement and citations.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Former Chief Hess filled in for Chief Whalen and reviewed the monthly report. He said he appreciated the welcome given to Chief Whalen. There was brief discussion around burglaries.

Director Norris updated the Council on new storm water catch basins, the Linda Avenue project, how much has been saved by using the stockpile of grindings, well inspections, and work on the dump truck. There was brief discussion around the catch basins and winter preparation.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow's meeting times, quads he has seen, and a class on personal rescue put on by the Department of Emergency Management.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS - none**

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Ordinance #770 amending Title 8.* There was discussion around the definition of 'abandoned', specific homes in Gold Bar, that it is not illegal to have an unsightly house, the need for a place to be a nuisance, and the definition of security. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #770 for a second reading and as amended to add the wording 'licensed and bonded agent' to Title 8.14.120, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Transportation and Parks Elements.* The draft elements of the Comprehensive Plan were presented for discussion. Several amendments were suggested by the Council. The next elements will be on Capital Improvements and Utilities.

*Resolution #23-05, Card Policy.* This resolution sets the policy for possible credit/debit card payments. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Resolution #23-05 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #771 Amending Title 2.* This ordinance clears up outdated wording regarding salaries for the clerk/treasurer position. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #771 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*County Road Right of Way Franchise.* Director Norris gave the background of the franchise agreement. If the city did not have one, water mains would have to be removed and those residents outside city limits receiving water from the city would have to find another source. After discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the franchise agreement and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Civic Spark Agreement.* This agreement pays the salary through Americorp to fund a Fellow for nine months to work on city parks for such things as grant research. Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the Civic Spark Agreement and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

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

Councilmember Sears was pleased with the things the Council passed.

Councilmember Martin reminded everyone of the upcoming fire department pancake breakfast.

Councilmember Russell was looking forward to seeing how the Civic Spark Fellow works out.

Mayor Yarbrough reminded everyone of the upcoming emergency broadcast test.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

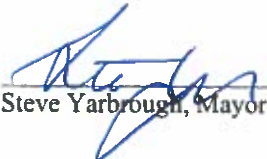
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37112 through 37148 with \$240,798.64 for claims and \$47,456.20 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$288,254.84 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 8:11 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer