

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Lie 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 was Councilmember Russell. Staff members present in person were Director Norris, Chief Whalen, and Office Manager Beaston. Councilmembers Sears and Phillips attended via Zoom. Councilmember Martin was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Mayor's Report.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris stated that the dump truck is back from repair. The crew have been working on preparing for the upcoming winter months.

Director Norris briefly talked about Civic Spark which will help with finding grants. A list of candidates has been sent for review and once the review is complete, the individual will start in January.

Director Norris gave an update on the water project that is currently taking place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lie asked about the DOC crew. Public Works Director Norris briefly talked about what the DOC crews have been working on.

Office Manager Beaston talked briefly about prepping for colder weather by wintering your homes and cleaning debris away from storm drains that are in front of your home. When cleaning up leaves in yards do not blow them onto streets or sidewalks as this makes for slippery conditions for those who are still out riding motorcycles, not to mention that it does not help the storm drains.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears had no comment.

Councilmember Lie briefly talked about AWC class essentials for elected officials but he had sent an email to Lisa to see if there were any scholarships to attend. Councilmember Lie wanted to encourage other councilmembers to attend.

Councilmembers Russell briefly talked about the garbage can that had been under the bridge. It has since disappeared.

Councilmembers Phillips had no comment.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #771 amending Title 2. Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve with Councilmember Phillips seconding the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Facilities/Utilities Element. Director Norris talked about the Capital Facilities/Utilities Element and that they tried to enhance the changes so it's more like the council is used to seeing. Anything that is just text and not highlighted or underlined is just the same as it was. If it's highlighted or underlined it's new. If something is underlined it is definitely new; the highlighted is something to think about. Some of these changes came from our consultant via recommendations about equity and things like that.

Director Norris and Council went through the *Capital Facilities* document page by page reviewing and discussing any changes that were added or removed. Much discussion ensued.

Director Norris stated that he would make note of one change and asked the council if anyone saw any problems with the things that had been added and/or removed. The council had no issues.

Director Norris and Council went through the *Utilities Element* document page by page reviewing and discussing any changes that were added or removed. Much discussion ensued.

Chief Whalen had returned to the meeting after handling a traffic issue and talked briefly about the Blockwatch meeting he had attended and safety concerns. Chief Whalen stated that Trunk or Treat would be held on October 31st in front of Gold Bar Elementary School from 5pm to 7pm. Mayor Pro-Tem Lie asked about the dot maps and if they can be made to be more readable when enlarged, that it's pixelated currently when enlarged. Chief Whalen stated he would look into it.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears stated that all he wanted to say was 'free Palestine' and that was it.

Councilmember Lie stated that he had donated blood.

Councilmember Russell stated that he got a flu shot and recommended folks at risk get that.

Councilmember Phillips had no comments.

MINUTES APPROVAL

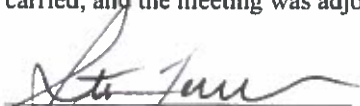
Councilmember Russell moved to approve the October 3rd, 2023, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Lie moved to approve checks numbering 37149 through 37176 with \$325,029.24 for claims and \$2,483.73 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$327,512.97 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor
Denise Beaston, Office Manager

Sign-in Sheet

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