

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 4, 2022

OATHS OF OFFICE

Clerk Stowe administered Oaths of Office to Mayor Yarbrough and Councilmembers Lie, Martin, and Phillips. They were then seated and the normal agenda presented.

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, and Sears. Also present was Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough welcomed 2022. He thanked the public works crew for the hours of snow plowing and Office Manager Beaston for fielding phone calls. He presented a letter of support for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding a grant application for improved parking at Reiter Foothills. After brief discussion, there was no opposition to signing the letter.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess reviewed both his monthly report and the annual report. He said the holiday parade had good turnout even with bad weather. Gift cards were provided for kids at Christmas. Dealing with abandoned vehicles is on hold due to snow plowing. He also reviewed incident coverage for Gold Bar city limits and the Gold Bar region, with four deputies covering 350 square miles.

Director Norris talked about the snow plowing, with eighty man-hours of plowing since Christmas. He reviewed a handful of streets that did not get plowed until this day. Two streets still need to be done. He reviewed issues with old City vehicles and with chains repeatedly breaking. Councilmember Martin thanked him and staff for the plowing work.

Director Norris is creating an advisory committee to begin the process of reviewing and possibly updating zoning and development. He suggested Councilmember Lie be part of that committee. He will also be a member, and would like at least one member of the public to be involved. There was discussion around what the advisory committee can and can't do. After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to approve establishing an advisory committee and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe asked if any Councilmember was interested in representing the City on the Health District Board. She also said she had two applications for the open Council position and that will be on the next agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked staff for plowing as well as those citizens who helped others.

Councilmember Lie thanked the crew for keeping streets clear. He also thanked Office Manager Beaston for her monthly report. He spoke briefly about the open council position and said he hoped the Council did a good job choosing the next councilmember.

Councilmember Martin thanked City employees for doing the plowing. She voiced concerns about the impact of cold weather on the homeless and has a list of available shelters. She also thanked Mayor Yarbrough for his letter of support to DNR.

Councilmember Phillips thanked staff for plowing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clerk Stowe reviewed the process for citizen comments, including what would be allowed and what would not.

Dan Leupold thanked the City crew for keeping streets clear. He then went on to question the background of Director Norris and repeated his concerns regarding the new development.

Clerk Stowe reminded citizens again that comments about personnel and their ability to do their jobs was not appropriate for a Council meeting. If a resident has concerns about a staff member, that concern should be taken to the Mayor, who administers personnel. It is not the purview of the Council.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Wallace Falls Court Final Plat. Director Norris presented the final plat which included a list of requirements by the Hearing Examiner, which the developer has met. The final plat meets all conditions and zoning requirements. After brief discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to approve the Wallace Falls Court Final Plat and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Ordinance #755, Amending Title 15. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #755 for a second reading and approval, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Ordinance #756, Amending the 2021 Budget. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #756 for a second reading and approval, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consulting Agreement, Housing Action Plan, Blueline. This consulting agreement is part of the Housing Action Plan grant with the City of Sultan to assess housing needs to complete the required update of the City Comprehensive Plan. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the mayor to enter into the Consulting Agreement, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Skykomish Water System Agreement. This is similar to the agreement in place with Big Bend, but is anticipated to require an hour of staff time per month. There was discussion around billing and that this is an interlocal agreement rather than a for-profit contract. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the Skykomish Water System Agreement and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Grotto Water System Interlocal. This agreement is for emergency assistance only as Grotto has a water system manager. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the Grotto interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears said he would like a report from public works at meetings. Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that personnel matters should go to the Mayor and the Mayor then directs staff as needed.

Councilmember Lie talked about the advisory committee and his hopes that more residents will take a more active role in the community. He said he also did not hear Councilmember Martin's reason for missing the last meeting.

Mayor Yarbrough reminded the Council that Councilmember Phillips absence would also need to be excused. Councilmember Sears then moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips's absence and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

Councilmember Phillips asked about budgeting for increased police presence. Clerk Stowe reminded her that the Sheriff contract had extra hours built into it that could be used for where the Council felt best, and that the budget had already been approved.

Clerk Stowe requested clarification that the previous motion was for excusing Councilmember Phillips only and not Councilmember Martin. She reminded the Council that a Councilmember does not have to publicly disclose their reason for not being at a meeting. Councilmember Phillips then moved to excuse Councilmember Martin's absence and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

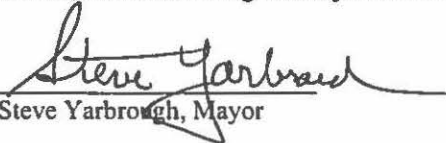
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the December 7th, 2021 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35701 - 35731, with \$22,423.27 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$23,623.27 and checks numbering 35732 – 35770 with \$13,270.60 for claims and \$45,082.66 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$58,353.26, 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 8:04 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, and Sears. Also present was Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaton, Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough received a petition opposing the development on Amanda Avenue. He said the ability of the signers to reach a consensus was like a breath of fresh air, but the City cannot stop a legal development.

Councilmember Lie volunteered to continue as the City representative to Snohomish County Tomorrow and Mayor Yarbrough asked if there was any consensus about this. After brief discussion Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Councilmember Lie to continue as the representative and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried with Councilmember Lie abstaining.

Mayor Yarbrough also talked about Senate Bill 5603 relating to the Highway 2 corridor and encouraged councilmembers to familiarize themselves with this bill and to comment as soon as possible.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk Stowe updated the Council on the current audit process, which should be complete by the end of the month.

Chief Hess said the Sheriff's Department has suggested holding National Night Out in conjunction with Sultan at the Startup Events Center. He wanted the Council's opinion on that. Discussion included the ability for people to walk to the event in Gold Bar, the parade, the lack of parking at the Event Center, and the desire to keep the event local even if it resulted in cutting down on available resources. Chief Hess will pass the consensus on.

He then reviewed recent activities and arrests and encouraged people to continue calling 911 when they see something suspicious.

Director Norris talked about scheduled work on a water leak and that those impacted had been notified there may be a temporary interruption in service. He said the City will not have work inmate crews due to an outbreak of COVID. He also presented the agreement for the Housing Action Plan. Councilmembers have already approved the grant and the consultant agreement. This final agreement includes costs, and needs the Mayor's signature. Since the Council has previously approved this grant, this is informational only and needs no action on the part of the Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie brought up the Mayor Pro-tem position and asked if any councilmember would be interested in taking this on. After brief discussion Councilmember Lie will continue in this position.

Councilmember Martin thanked city staff for their work.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Deanna Guay asked for email addresses for the Mayor and staff. These are on the City website but were also provided.

Lee Russell asked about the sign coming into Gold Bar and if it was going to be repaired. Director Norris already has the letters and they just need to be put up.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Health District Representative. Letters of interest were presented from two candidates. After discussion, the Council consensus was to invite the two representatives to attend a Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Yarbrough reviewed the process and relevant RCWs relating to executive sessions, including that no action is taken during the session and there is no recording. The purpose of this executive session was to discuss the qualifications of applicants for the open Council position and appointment to elective office (RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)). There were two applicants for the position which included Lee Russell and Brenda Cavoretto. Both candidates were invited to attend the Council meeting and Mr. Russell was present. Mayor Yarbrough said the Executive Session would last from 7:31 pm until 7:46 pm. He then invited Clerk Stowe and Director Norris to attend, and moved all other audience members to the Zoom waiting room.

At 7:40 pm Mayor Yarbrough stated that the Executive Session was ended, returned audience members to the meeting, and returned to the regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Council Position. After brief discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to appoint Lee Russell to Council position #2 and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. Clerk Stowe then administered the Oath of Office and Councilmember Russell was seated.

Resolution No. 22-01. Councilmember Sears moved to table this resolution until the February 1st meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmembers welcomed Councilmember Russell.

MINUTES APPROVAL

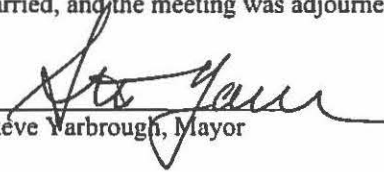
Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the January 4, 2021 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35772 – 35805 with \$226,108.11 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$227,308.11 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. There was brief discussion about the bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Steve Warbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the agenda as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried, with Councilmember Lie voting opposed. Councilmember Lie suggested amending the agenda to move the Health District presentation up but there was no action taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended a roundtable discussion with Director Norris and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene. He encouraged the Council to familiarize themselves with the grant opportunities and issues brought up at the roundtable.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess presented his report and reviewed it, along with his upcoming goals as chief.

Director Norris had nothing to report and asked if councilmembers had questions for him. Councilmember Russell thanked Director Norris for the recent tour of the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears has worked on setting up meetings related to the upcoming redistricting and has also met with Congresswoman DelBene.

Councilmember Lie apologized for missing the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting.

Councilmember Martin thanked Mayor Yarbrough and Director Norris for their work in attending the roundtable and researching grants.

Councilmember Russell is reading over material and getting a feel for the territory.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Daniel Leupold asked why an environmental impact statement wasn't done on the development on Amanda Avenue and asked when it would be done. Mayor Yarbrough told him staff will get back to him with a response.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 22-01, Council Procedures. After brief discussion around wording of one section, Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-01 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Health District Representative. Sultan Councilmember Joe Neigel introduced himself and spoke to the Council regarding the background and skills that would make him a good candidate for representing Gold Bar on the Health District Board. Discussion included how he would represent Gold Bar, funding, what direct resources are offered for the costs, the need for the Health District to not be a political entity, gun violence, suicide rates, and the need for regular communication. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to nominate Sultan Councilmember Neigel as the Health District representative for Gold Bar and with a second by both Councilmember Russell and Councilmember Lie, the motion carried. Mayor Yarbrough thanked Councilmember Neigel for attending and answering questions.

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin congratulated Sultan Councilmember Neigel and welcomed him.

Councilmember Russell also welcomed Sultan Councilmember Neigel and then thanked everyone for being so welcoming to him in his new position as Gold Bar Councilmember.

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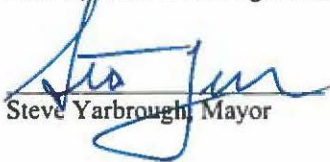
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the January 18th, 2022 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35806 – 35843 with \$46,911.60 for claims and \$45,070.61 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$91,982.21 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about potential park improvements, social media, third-party vendors for card usage, ad hoc committees, and possible infrastructure projects.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess thanked the mayor and staff for help with the Sky Valley Community awards.

Director Norris had a call about a possible water leak which turned out to not be one. He is working on annual backflow device letters and doing inspections.

Office Manager Beaston talked about upcoming community events.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears said he was excited about possible social media changes and park improvements.

Councilmember Lie talked about social media, staff reports, traffic on May Creek Road, RV trailers at a local business and community transit.

Councilmember Martin thanked Director Norris for the new lettering on the city sign and thanked Chief Hess and city staff for recognizing Ms. Letterman at the Sky Valley Community gathering.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for missing the last meeting. Councilmember Sears moved to excuse her absence and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

Councilmember Russell is looking at park properties.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Deana Guay contacted Snohomish County regarding the RVs previously mentioned and has had no response. She asked if there was something else that could be done. Mayor Yarbrough suggested she call Director Norris and talk to him directly. She also questioned the phrase 'tree hugger'.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Purple Heart Proclamation. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the mayor to sign this proclamation in support of military veterans and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about his disappointment in the recent school levies.

Councilmember Martin agreed with Councilmember Lie regarding the school levies. She also appreciated the support the City has shown to veterans with the passage of the proclamation.

Councilmember Russell also appreciated the passage of the proclamation, and talked about the school levies.

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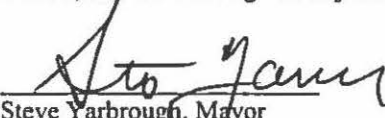
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 1st, 2022 minutes as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35844 – 35871 with \$26,915.99 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$28,115.99 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 7:29 pm.


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Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about reviewing the dike, erosion management, and an emergency plan. He also talked about abatement of public nuisances and asked for a councilmember to create a social media policy. He will be attending webinars on infrastructure.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess reviewed statistics for the region, work being done regarding the Mann station, and upcoming events.

Director Norris talked about a volunteer who painted the newly lettered City sign, painting ecology blocks, and the housing plan. Councilmember Russell asked about the Sid Mooring Park and there was brief discussion.

Office Manager Beaston talked about upcoming community events. Councilmember Martin asked about candy donations and there was brief discussion.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears is going to speak at the school on community involvement.

Councilmember Lie attended the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting. He also talked about work on the older City sign and traffic on May Creek Road. He encouraged the Council to work with the Mayor on social media policies and talked about a block watch.

Councilmember Martin thanked Director Norris and the volunteer for painting the city sign.

Councilmember Phillips told Clerk Stowe she would be in to sign paperwork.

Councilmember Russell is looking at park properties.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie would like to see legal bills removed from the City website.

Mayor Yarbrough asked the Council again to work with him on a social media policy.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 15th, 2022 minutes as presented, and Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion. As votes were being called, Councilmember Lie asked to amend the minutes.

Councilmember Sears moved to strike the motion approving minutes and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Councilmember Lie said he was unhappy with the way his comments were presented and asked to have them stricken from the record. Clerk Stowe asked for specific information for clear direction.

Councilmember Lie moved to strike the sentence 'He also talked about tree huggers in relation to Wallace Falls State Park' and the sentence 'Councilmember Lie said the phrase 'tree hugger' could be seen as a derogatory phrase and hoped to never hear a councilmember use it' and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

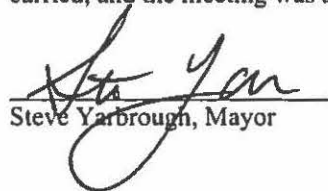
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 15th, 2022 minutes as amended and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35872 – 35909 with \$16,563.43 for claims and \$44,060.21 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$60,623.64 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 7:47 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to amend the agenda to add Resolution 22-02 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough said information on the ad hoc committee is on the City's website, notices regarding the nuisance property at 120 Lewis were mailed out, and he received a summary notice regarding the dike. He is also encouraged that so many people have reached out to him regarding City parks.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about traffic control, a broken window at City Hall, and upcoming meetings. He also said any Councilmember was welcome to ride along with deputies.

Director Norris got the new concrete saw and will begin street repairs. He talked about decals for Wallace Falls Court and the Department of Corrections work crew.

Office Manager Beaston is working on the nuisance property.

Clerk Stowe updated the Council on the recent exit conference and audit.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears asked to recognize Snohomish County Superior Court Judge Cassandra Lopez-Shaw and Gold Bar community member Brie Hart who both recently passed away.

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow, water testing, and maintenance.

Councilmember Martin has received compliments on the dog park and talked about donations.

Councilmember Phillips talked about the report on the dike.

Councilmember Russell talked about a community block watch.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clerk Stowe reviewed the public comment process.

Steffani Sears, Deanna Guay, and Sonia Bartosek talked about the Sid Mooring park. They felt another park wasn't needed, that they had big back yards for their kids to play in, that no one wanted to listen to basketballs hitting pavement at ten at night, that it would end up run down, full of litter, and be a hangout. Further comments included feeling like they had been 'screwed' already by development, potential safety issues, that an existing trail allowed people to meander through their neighborhood, and that there had been no response from the Health District regarding recreational vehicles at Rico's.

Kara Bensley thanked staff for their work on 120 Lewis.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 22-02, Security Monitoring. This resolution creates a policy for security monitoring. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Resolution 22-02 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie suggested people enjoy their time without a sewer system in Gold Bar as that would double water bills and turn Gold Bar into Sultan.

Councilmember Phillips thanked people for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Russell talked about security monitoring.

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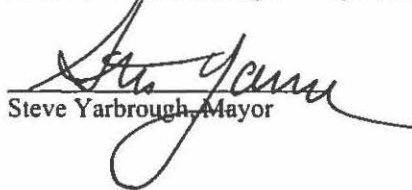
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the March 1st, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35910 – 35939 with \$19,463.27 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$20,663.27 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Councilmember Phillips arrived at 7:05. Also present was Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about recent vandalism to the City Hall and the need to bring down the totem pole due to rot. Staff is in contact with the Tribes for the best way to do this.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about the vandalism, recent calls, code enforcement, Coffee with a Cop on April 14th, and work with other agencies on property across the railroad tracks.

Office Manager Beaston presented a report from Director Norris talking about picking up skate ramps, inmate crews, upcoming street repairs, the public hearing and determination by the Hearing Examiner regarding a variance on 8th and Orchard, and the ad hoc committee. Director Norris wished to publicly thank Charles White for help with the skate ramps. Councilmember Lie asked for an update on the nuisance property on Lewis Avenue. Office Manager Beaston told him after the required deadline has passed, if there is no response from owners, the City will secure the building.

Clerk Stowe reminded Councilmembers of the importance of checking emails regularly. She also spoke briefly about the Health District and the need for updates from the new representative.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked Mayor Yarbrough for meeting with him regarding parks. He also had a virtual meeting with grade school children regarding community work.

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow and Community Transit meetings, work in the City rights of way, and improving communication.

Councilmember Martin thanked Office Manager Beaston for her volunteer work for the upcoming community egg hunt.

Councilmember Russell talked about grant research he is doing.

Councilmember Phillips is also looking at grant funding.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Julia Palekha talked about development, funding for landscaping, and volunteering. Mayor Yarbrough told her where to find volunteer forms.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 22-03, Amending the Personnel Manual. This resolution strengthens debit and credit card policies. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution 22-03 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. Councilmember Lie questioned the City's debit card purchases. Clerk Stowe said that purchases are reviewed by the finance committee and receipts are available for anyone who wishes to review them.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about the need for an emergency plan. Office Manager Beaston said the City has one and he suggested putting it on the City's website. She will look into this, but some files may be too large for the website. She said the plan is available for anyone who wanted to come in and review it.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the emergency plan and the need for each business to have one.

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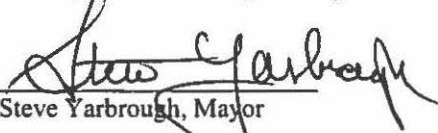

Councilmember Sears to approve the March 15th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by both Councilmember Phillips and Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35940 – 35989 with \$21,275.15 for claims and \$48,519.06 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$69,794.21 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 7:32 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor
Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended a tabletop meeting regarding planning for a Culmbach dam failure, in preparation for a drill in May. He said the community egg hunt was well received. He also thanked staff for working all night on a waterline break.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris talked about the watermain break and thanked staff for working all night, including Office Manager Beaston who managed phones. He showed a graphic of the water main and explained why it broke, showing an abandoned line that was not only abandoned incorrectly, but covered with asphalt and removed from the maps. He reviewed the plans for a permanent fix and clean up. He also thanked the Council for approving the purchase of the concrete saw, which saved hours of work. The new vacator truck was also used, and with this new equipment, outside resources did not have to be utilized, which saved a minimum \$2,400. He thanked the Council for giving staff the tools to do what they needed to do. There was brief discussion around the type of old pipe involved in the break, the budget for repairs, the quality of old maps, as-builts, and sink holes.

Director Norris also said the first ad hoc meeting went well. The inmate crew has been working on retention ponds and will be assisting on the watermain repair.

Office Manager Beaston apologized for getting her report to the Council late, due to the watermain break.

Clerk Stowe told the Council that the annual financial report was available for review. She said the report is the culmination of the year's financial activities and is the basis for annual audits. She asked any councilmember interested in reviewing the draft to arrange a time to meet with her. There were no questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked Office Manager Beaston for her volunteer work on the community egg hunt. He also thanked staff for their work on the watermain break. He reminded everyone that ballots are due.

Councilmember Lie thanked Office Manager Beaston for her monthly report. He spoke briefly about the poor quality of A/C pipe, how obsolete it is, and how frequently it fails. He also said Director Norris did a good job on the ad hoc committee and that the committee had a motivated citizen involved.

Councilmember Martin repeated the thanks for the egg hunt and said turnout was wonderful. She thanked Office Manager Beaston for manning phones all night during the break, and city staff for their work.

Councilmember Russell also thanked staff. He said staff are consummate professionals.

Councilmember Phillips said she echoed the thanks regarding the egg hunt and the watermain break.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Deanna Guay said that a time had been set up for the Health Department to look at recreational vehicles parked near Rico's Pizza. She also talked about a political sign with inappropriate phrasing that she doesn't feel people should have to see when driving by.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 22-04, Amending the Public Records Manual. This resolution updates wording in the manual and sets a policy viewing large files. Councilmember Lie asked about the use of Dropbox. Clerk Stowe said Director Norris had also mentioned the ability of the City to utilize companies for printing large files such as maps and diagrams. Councilmember Sears felt this resolution might have to be revisited but was comfortable taking action. He moved to adopt Resolution 22-04 as written and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion to allow for discussion on the motion. Councilmember Phillips asked if the resolution would then have to be amended. After the suggestions by Councilmember Lie and Director Norris, Clerk Stowe felt this resolution should be amended and brought back to the Council. Mayor Yarbrough then called for a vote and all voted opposed. Councilmember Sears then moved to table the resolution for amendments and to bring it back to the Council, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Resolution 22-05, Social Media Policy. There was a great deal of discussion around the use of social media, including the need for it, the toxicity that exists on Facebook, the ability or inability to allow comments and monitor those, the amount of staff time this will take, difficulties around public records requests and record retention, the cost of third-party vendors, that the information already exists on the City website, and pages vs. groups. After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to add wording to disable comments to section 'E' and then to bring back the amended resolution for further discussion, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked a bit more about the complaint process with Facebook, then spoke about the need to paint regulated parking areas relating to Wallace Falls State Park. Director Norris said the painting is already planned.

Councilmember Russell spoke about the sign brought up during the citizen comment period. He said he had reviewed the City's sign ordinance and signs of a political nature. Mayor Yarbrough said the sign in particular has been there for some time, it is on private property and falls under free speech. The City had looked into this previously and there isn't much that can be done. Councilmember Russell then spoke about a parking spot on 1st Street and SR2 that blocks views of oncoming traffic when large vehicles are parked there.

Councilmember Lie said he had also researched the sign and approached Municipal Research Services Center about the issue and that basically nothing can be done without hiring an attorney.

MINUTES APPROVAL

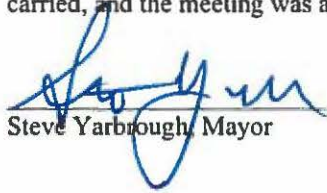
Councilmember Sears to approve the April 5th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 35990 – 36017 with \$99,145.34 for claims and \$1,637.81 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$100,783.15 and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. *It should be noted that the agenda incorrectly still listed the same voucher numbers from the previous meeting. The amounts of vouchers were correct.*

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor
Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Phillips was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - none

STAFF REPORT

Councilmember Lie asked Director Norris if a volunteer was still interested in working on repairing a sign and Director Norris said the volunteer is, but they have not heard back from the property owner.

Clerk Stowe talked about the recent passing of Ray Coleman, his many volunteer activities, and how he was always willing to help with anything that needed to be done. He will be missed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears was sad to hear about Ray Coleman's passing. He also was glad that the Sultan School District levies passed.

Councilmember Lie said Ray Coleman was always volunteering, including for sandbagging during flood events, when he would be seen carrying two sandbags at a time. Councilmember Lie also talked about his meetings with Tulalip Tribes regarding land use and their concerns for the Sky valley.

Councilmember Martin also talked about the recent loss of Ray Coleman and all his volunteer work, including his work as a fire commissioner. She also was pleased to see school levies pass.

Councilmember Russell was happy school levies passed and spoke briefly about statistics for schools that get funding. He said Ray Coleman was one of those people who, if you needed help for anything, was always there.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers spoke about Ray Coleman and all the volunteer work he did for Gold Dust Days, as well as for the city, fire department, and Sheriff's department. He said Ray was a shining example of community service.

Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low attended the meeting to check in.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Resolution 22-04, Amending the Public Records Manual. Amendments were made after Council review at the last meeting. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 22-04 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Resolution 22-05, Social Media Policy. There was discussion around the pros and cons of having a social media site for the City, how to control comments without limiting free speech, and that the resolution simply creates a policy if the City decides later to move forward with a social media site. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 22-05 as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Russell asked if councilmembers had seen the email from Cadman inviting the public to view their site as they move into potentially starting hard rock mining.

MINUTES APPROVAL

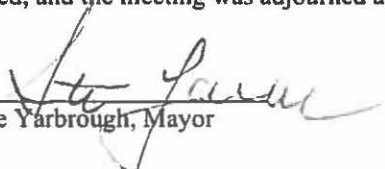
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the April 19th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36018 – 36046 with \$9,057.66 for claims and \$43,441.68 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$52,499.34 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 7:19 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended the US 2 Corridor Improvements open house and talked about options for the highway. He encouraged everyone to submit feedback on the proposals.

He is planning on applying for a small capital funds grant of \$10,000.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess reviewed his report and talked about recent activities.

Director Norris talked about progress being made by the ad hoc committee, a recent water line repair, and the purchase of the new dump truck. Councilmember Lie asked about the Gold Bar sign and there was discussion around options.

Clerk Stowe said Robert Amenn has resigned from the finance committee so there are two openings for citizens.

Office Manager Beaston apologized for not getting her report out at the beginning of the month.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears has been out due to illness.

Councilmember Lie asked about the Health District and lack of updates. Clerk Stowe is in communication with the Health District about this. He talked about quads and the need to watch for them, and asked Director Norris about the home at 120 Lewis, which is now secured.

Councilmember Martin also attended the SR 2 Improvements meeting and said there are a lot of choices.

Councilmember Russell talked about the agenda item relating to open public meetings and visiting Cadman. He thanked Director Norris for his work on the ad hoc committee.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for missing the last meeting. Councilmember Sears moved to excuse her absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kirk Pearson with the Volunteers of America invited elected officials to an appreciation breakfast on June 8th.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Open Public Meetings. Legislation is scheduled to be lifted relating to mandating open public meetings. The first June council meeting will be via Zoom, but if this legislation is lifted, the next council meeting will be required to have a physical location as well. There was discussion around this.

Resolution 22-06, Snohomish County Solid Waste Plan. This resolution creates a comprehensive county solid waste plan. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 22-06 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie said he and Director Norris attended the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and talked about home prices.

MINUTES APPROVAL

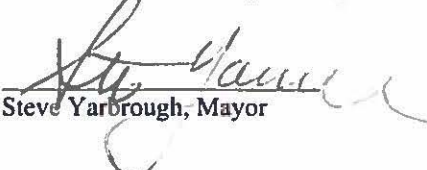
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the May 3rd, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36047 – 36075 with \$25,513.12 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$26,713.12 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about two openings for citizens on the finance committee. He attended a round table regarding the emergency plan for a failure of the Culmbach dam. A link to that plan is on the City's website. He attended a meeting regarding economic development. The City was unable to receive a second AWC Loss Control grant. There will be a Recovery Roadshow at the fairgrounds June 9th.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess reviewed his report and talked about incidents, self-initiated contacts, and staffing.

Director Norris talked about progress by the ad hoc committee, updated the Council on the water system plan, and on the potential site for a skateboard park. There was brief discussion around this. He also thanked the Council for approving funding to replace the old building at Well #3 and showed a photo of the new structure. Councilmember Lie asked about cracks on the roof of the reservoir, which turned out to be marks from construction and not cracks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears talked about his schedule for signing City paperwork.

Councilmember Lie asked about the Health District and lack of updates, unlicensed dirt bikes, and Snohomish County Tomorrow raising fees. Chief Hess asked him to call 911 when he sees the unlicensed vehicles. Clerk Stowe said she has had no response from the Health District.

Councilmember Russell talked about his visit to the Cadman site.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:24 pm and reviewed the requirements for the hearing. No Councilmember had any ex parte contacts, breaches of appearance of fairness, or any conflict of interest that would require them to be recused from the hearing.

The hearing began with a presentation by Chase Killebrew and Caitlin Hepworth with Blueline, who are working on the City's Housing Needs Assessment. They gave background information, reviewed housing needs, the next steps needed to solve housing gaps, and took questions.

Clerk Stowe introduced Ordinance No. 757 amending zoning and licensing codes for an introduction and first reading and said it ties into the information presented by Blueline. Director Norris said the ordinance includes adjustments forwarded from the Ad Hoc committee including licensing and regulation around short-term rentals. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance No. 757 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

With no request to continue the hearing, Clerk Stowe asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. The hearing was adjourned and the regular Council meeting returned to at 7:56 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Yarbrough thanked the Ad Hoc committee for their time and effort.

Councilmember Sears thanked Mr. Killebrew and Ms. Hepworth for their presentation, and the Ad Hoc committee for their work. He also wished everyone a happy Gay Pride Month.

Councilmember Russell questioned whether something could be said anymore but it was unclear what he was referring to and there were no comments. He also thanked the Ad Hoc committee.

Councilmember Lie thanked Mayor Yarbrough for attending the economic development meetings and would like the Council to get updates.

Councilmember Martin is hoping to attend the Recovery Roadshow meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL

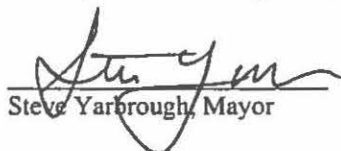
Councilmember Sears to approve the May 17th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36076 – 36106 with \$112,141.61 for claims and \$41,311.59 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$153,453.20 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

City of Gold Bar

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 21, 2022

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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the state and federal designations of Juneteenth as a holiday. He made the administrative choice to close City Hall Monday, and a resolution is on the agenda related to the holiday. He and staff are working on a \$10,000 grant application for park improvements.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess reviewed his report and talked about suspicious activities, traffic, robberies, felony arrests, the resolution of a junk yard issue, and spoke with Councilmember Russell regarding ride-along options. There was an issue at the City Hall and the suspects were identified and criminal charges are being pursued.

Director Norris talked about the installation of water at the dog park, the Housing Action Plan's upcoming public involvement and the need for volunteers for that, and signage in the parks regarding motorized vehicles.

Office Manager Beaston said it's the time of year for more dog activities and complaints.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears talked about Pride and Juneteenth events.

Councilmember Lie asked about Snohomish County Tomorrow rate changes and programs for youth.

Councilmember Martin attended the meeting on economic development.

Councilmember Russell talked about programs for youth, housing, and rental issues.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:17 pm and reviewed the requirements for the hearing. No Councilmember had any ex parte contacts, breaches of appearance of fairness, or any conflict of interest that would require them to be recused from the hearing.

The hearing was held to allow public comments that were missed during the previous public hearing.

Resident Joe Beavers had comments on the good work by the ad hoc committee, septic system requirements, lot size requirements, and drainage. Mr. Beavers' comments were missed during the previous Hearing due to technical issues with Zoom.

Director Norris presented the comments from Snohomish County Realtors that was sent by email to Councilmembers and not presented at the previous Hearing. The comments related to wording of code changes. Director Norris responded that the proposed wording came from Municipal Research Services Center and codes from other cities and was reviewed by the Ad Hoc committee.

Clerk Stowe said three changes had been made to the draft Ordinance since the previous meeting and reviewed those changes.

Clerk Stowe introduced Ordinance No. 757 amending zoning and licensing codes for a second reading and action. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Ordinance No. 757 as amended and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

With no request to continue the hearing, Clerk Stowe asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. The hearing was adjourned, and the regular Council meeting returned to at 7:28 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Snohomish County Sheriff's Interlocal. Clerk Stowe presented the draft Sheriff Interlocal and reviewed the reasons for the new contract and the changes. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Sheriff Interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

TIB Crack Seal Grant. The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) approached Director Norris offering a grant to seal cracks in streets. City staff measured cracks in all the roads and sent that information to TIB who then offered a grant for \$41,000. The City's matching portion will be \$2,203, which is within the City's budget. Councilmember Russell moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into this grant and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-07 Amending the Personnel Manual. This resolution amends the Personnel Manual relating to state and federal holidays. Clerk Stowe pointed out a typographical error. Councilmember Sears moved to pass Resolution No. 22-07 as amended and correcting the typographical error and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Russell said the City is making great progressive steps forward. Councilmembers Sears and Martin agreed.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears to approve the June 7th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36107 – 36135 with \$25,423.42 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$26,623.42 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet

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Sign-in Sheet
June 21, 2022

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 5, 2022

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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - none

STAFF REPORT

Clerk Stowe let the Council know that Chief Hess would be arriving late because of attending the Council meeting for the Town of Index. She presented a draft proclamation for resident Ray Coleman who recently passed away and asked the Council if they wished to add anything or to authorize the mayor to sign the proclamation. Once signed, this will be presented to Mr. Coleman's family. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the proclamation and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Office Manager Beaston submitted her monthly report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin reinforced the appreciation and enthusiasm, as well as all the time, that Ray Coleman gave the City.

Councilmember Lie thanked Office Manager Beaston for her regular reports each month.

Councilmember Russell talked about what a good neighbor Mr. Coleman was.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lynne Kelly spoke via Zoom, asking how she could attend Gold Dust Days to make COVID-19 vaccinations available for the 5 – 12 age group. Councilmember Martin told her to get in touch with Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Housing Needs Assessment. Director Norris introduced the Assessment. There was brief discussion and clarification that this study assesses the housing needs but does not provide solutions. Those will be recommended later in the grant process. Councilmember Sears moved to approve the Housing Needs Assessment and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Hess reviewed the information in his report, talked about progress on a junk yard, and what activities are planned for National Night Out on August 2nd.

Councilmember Phillips asked the Council to excuse her absence. Councilmember Sears moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips from the June 21st Council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

Councilmember Sears encouraged everyone to read *What, to a Slave, is the 4th of July*.

Councilmember Martin said fireworks were horrible, especially since they are banned in city limits. This led to a great deal of discussion including that the ban should be on the website (Office Manager Beaston confirmed it is), that information should be sent out ahead of time and signs posted (Office Manager Beaston confirmed it was), and that the municipal code should address it (Office Manager Beaston confirmed it does). Chief Hess then talked about the shortage of deputies and that impact to enforcement. After discussion, Clerk Stowe said the topic should be placed on a later agenda as this is the Council comment portion of the meeting. The Mayor and Councilmembers agreed to have this done. Office Manager Beaston encouraged the Council to familiarize themselves with the municipal code relating to fireworks and infractions.

Councilmember Phillips then moved to place fireworks on the next agenda and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

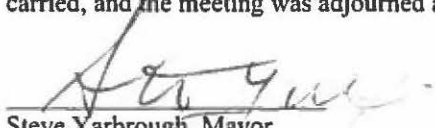
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 21st, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36136 – 36167 with \$14,778.85 for claims and \$45,622.34 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$60,401.19 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 7:34 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

7:00 PM

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

1. HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES APPROVAL

June 21, 2022

VOUCHER APPROVAL

CHECKS

CLAIMS

PAYROLL

TOTAL

36136 – 36167

\$14,778.85

\$45,622.34

\$60,401.19

ADJOURNMENT

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 19, 2022

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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, and Russell. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended a Department of Transportation funding meeting for reconnecting communities and talked about the upcoming Gold Dust Days celebration.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess reviewed activities for National Night Out and said there will be more activities this year.

Director Norris had nothing to report but Councilmember Lie asked him about the gas bills and if the amount was for a month. After confirmation, Councilmember Lie thought it was great that the City supported local businesses.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin reminded people to vote, and that the Index Arts festival was approaching. She also agreed with Councilmember Lie about supporting local businesses.

Councilmember Russell talked about the potential railroad park.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mary Staab talked about the security offered by barking dogs, and also talked about fireworks and the speedbumps on 1st Street.

Joe Beavers said the City's recent proclamation was delivered to the family of Ray Coleman.

Julia Palekha talked about accessory dwellings and enforcement. Director Norris explained enforcement happens when the city becomes aware of violations. He said accessory dwellings are limited by septic system requirements.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks. There was discussion around this topic that included researching current regulations in the city, signage, notifications, enforcement, fines, liability insurance, the dangers of fireworks, Snohomish County and their legal windows of time for fireworks, and better public education. After discussion, new signage will be purchased, Clerk Stowe will amend the fee schedule relating to fines, and Councilmember Phillips will research liability responsibility.

National Night Out. This event conflicts with the first council meeting for August. Councilmember Martin moved to cancel the council meeting of August 2nd and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. Councilmember Lie had revised vacation dates to be able to attend a rescheduled meeting.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Russell talked about education being the only weapon available regarding fireworks.

Councilmember Lie talked about the speedbumps on 1st Street and said if anything, he felt more were needed on May Creek Road. He said the other option would be to lower the speed limit to 20 mph.

Councilmember Martin sees people regularly speeding and flying through stop signs despite speedbumps and signage so while speedbumps help, they are not a complete answer.

Councilmember Phillips asked if the speedbumps were removeable so they could be taken to May Creek Road. Director Norris said they are removable, but not moveable.

MINUTES APPROVAL

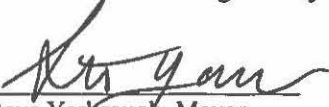
Councilmember Martin to approve the July 5th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36168 – 36192 with \$15,443.24 for claims and \$1,621.37 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$17,064.61 and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

7:00 PM
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

1. FIREWORKS - DISCUSSION

2. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES APPROVAL

July 5, 2022

VOUCHER APPROVAL

CHECKS

CLAIMS

PAYROLL

TOTAL

36168 – 36192

\$15,443.24

\$1,621.37

\$17,064.61

ADJOURNMENT

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 16, 2022

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 were Councilmembers Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about how nice it was that staff stayed late to help with National Night Out.

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough said Chief Hess was not able to attend the meeting.

Director Norris said stormwater filters have been replaced except for three waiting on more filters. Staff worked on restriping parking areas and handicap spaces, and on stop bars and cross walks. He thanked Interland Design for cleaning graffiti and painting the gazebo in the park. The Housing Action Plan stakeholders meeting was held and recommendations will be finalized and brought to the Council. The Ad Hoc committee finished updates to the municipal code.

Director Norris brought up difficulties getting the dump truck that was ordered sixteen months ago. There was discussion around the purchase and cost. Director Norris is searching for another that might be available sooner, but the cost may be up to \$25,000 higher. Clerk Stowe felt the additional cost would not exceed the requirements for using beginning balances. There was additional discussion on the urgent need to have a working dump truck in place for snowplowing. After discussion it was agreed to put this on the next agenda for updates.

Director Norris talked about the budget process and the need for a street sweeper. He also talked about Community Transit and a survey for long-range planning.

Clerk Stowe said she is moving into the budget and audit season and asked the Council to bring any budget thoughts they might have. The audit has been tentatively scheduled to start October 10th.

Office Manager Beaston updated the Council on shipping containers and animal control. She also reminded citizens that if they hire work to be done on their homes, to remind the contractors that door-to-door soliciting is not allowed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie contacted Mayor Yarbrough ahead of time that he would not be at this meeting. Councilmember Phillips moved to excuse Councilmember Lie's absence and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Councilmember Sears apologized for missing the July 19th meeting. Councilmember Phillips moved to excuse Councilmember Sears' absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Councilmember Martin said the turnout for National Night Out and staff participation was wonderful.

Councilmember Russell talked about the Ad Hoc meeting and housing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 758 Amending Title 2. This ordinance amends the section regarding cancellation of Council meetings. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance No. 758 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Health District Board Representative. Sultan Councilmember Neigel resigned from his position as Board Representative. Clerk Stowe said that Mayor Yarbrough researched the Health District Bylaws and Sultan is supposed to appoint someone as they are the city the representative came from. There are also changes coming to the Health District because of merging with Snohomish County. Clerk Stowe asked if any councilmembers were interested in representing the cities if no one from Sultan stepped forward. She will update the Council.

Resolution No. 17-19, Bank Signatories. This resolution set the process for who had signature authority for bank accounts and needs to be updated, which Clerk Stowe will do. She reviewed the updates needed and then asked the Council for a motion authorizing the mayor as signatory. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to be a signatory on bank accounts and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin said a red flag warning and full burn ban was in effect.

MINUTES APPROVAL

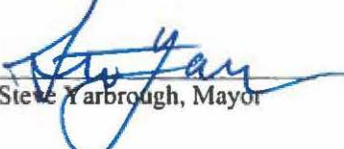
Councilmember Martin to approve the July 19th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks for two meetings, numbering 36193 – 36224 with \$106,165.31 for claims and \$41,651.50 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$147,816.81 and numbering 36225 – 36250 with \$20,478.02 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$21,678.02 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 7:40 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting

Sign-in Sheet

August 16, 2022

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Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

7:00 PM

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE NO. 758 AMENDING TITLE 2 – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

2. HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE - DISCUSSION

3. RES. NO. 17-19 BANK SIGNATORIES – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES APPROVAL

July 19, 2022

VOUCHER APPROVAL

CHECKS

CLAIMS

PAYROLL

TOTAL

36193 – 36224

\$106,165.31

\$41,651.50

\$147,816.81

36225 - 36250

\$20,478.02

\$1,200.00

\$21,678.02

ADJOURNMENT

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 6, 2022

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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough said the Gold Bar Face Book page has been published. He is reviewing the possibility of a portal that would allow credit card use but as this will incur costs and audit reviews, it will need thinking about.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris thanked the Council for their support over the last three years and he has now obtained his certification as a Water Distribution Manager II. Blue Line had a change in staffing so the stakeholder meeting is delayed until October but this doesn't impact timing of the grant. Staff have completed painting of crosswalks relating to the school. There is one left to do that does not impact the school and staff will be testing thermal coating rather than paint, for durability. Councilmember Lie asked him is the Ad Hoc group was finished and he said they still have to revisit transportation impact fees.

Office Manager Beaston sent out her report for July and August.

Chief Hess reviewed his report, talking about recent calls and parking, and an upcoming community crime prevention meeting for the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about the use of traffic circles and crosswalks that are raised tables. He thanked Office Manager Beaston for her reports.

Councilmember Russell talked about the Wallace River bridge and the amount of garbage and graffiti there. Director Norris told him the bridge is the responsibility of Snohomish County. Councilmember Russell also talked about the adjacent area that is shown on Google maps as a park. Director Norris said the majority of that area is wetland and can't be utilized.

Councilmember Martin reminded people that the burn ban is still in effect.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 758. This ordinance amends Title 2 relating to cancellation of Council meetings. Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Ordinance No. 758 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Rates. Director Norris reviewed the current rates and the proposed rate increase for 2023. After discussion, he told the Council to be prepared to talk about it further in the budget process.

Resolution No. 22-08. This resolution updates the process for signatures on the banking account. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 22-08 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-09. This resolution amends the financial plan to allow for the use of beginning/ending revenue in the stormwater fund. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution No. 22-09 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 759. This ordinance amends Title 2 relating to public participation during Council meetings. Because of recent changes due to COVID, residents can no longer be required to state their address as a requirement to speaking during public comments. After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance No. 759 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Dump Truck Update. Director Norris said Ford is still not producing fleet vehicles and reminded the Council of the discussion from the previous meeting about the urgency to find a truck prior to snow, and that one may now cost up to \$25,000 more than expected. After the last meeting, the trucks he had found for that cost had all been sold. A vehicle was found that is the same as what the City had ordered from Ford, with the exceptions of being an extended cab and a slightly longer bed. This vehicle was being looked at by another city as well. After review of the cost, and discussion with the mayor and city clerk, the decision was made to get the truck while it was still available. This truck cost \$12,000 more rather than \$25,000. It was purchased but has not been used, waiting on full Council approval.

Clerk Stowe said that while the Council was informed of the potential additional cost at the last meeting and there was no objection, she realized she should have asked for a motion. In June of 2021 when the Council approved the cost of the new dump truck, that was done by motion. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the additional cost of \$12,000 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sears. Clerk Stowe said there was further information that could impact the motion. Mayor Yarbrough called for a vote and the motion failed, with Councilmember Russell voting against it, Councilmember Lie abstaining, and no other Councilmember voting.

Clerk Stowe then brought up the costs of sales tax and licensing, which still need to be paid for. After further discussion, which included costs to individual funds, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize an additional \$25,000 for the dump truck and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Councilmember Sears asked about the disposition of the old dump truck. Director Norris will remove the plow and sanding equipment as well as safety lights, and then will approach the Council regarding the surplus process.

Ordinance No. 760. This ordinance amends multiple codes relating to work done by the Ad Hoc committee. Director Norris asked for any questions. Mayor Yarbrough said he hoped the Council had time to review this one over the last few days. Director Norris then went over some of the amendments. After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance No. 760 amending municipal codes for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 761. This ordinance amends the 2022 budget to authorize the use of beginning/ending balances and to amend the budget as a result of the dump truck purchase. Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that they had been

informed last year a budget amendment would be needed at the time of purchase. She said this could be done at the end of the year with the normal budget amendments but she preferred to have the dump truck separate from normal operating procedures for ease of auditing. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Ordinance No. 761 amending the budget for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by both Councilmembers Phillips and Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin reminded the Council again about fire danger.

Councilmember Russell thanked Director Norris for his work for the Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Yarbrough then thanked Councilmembers Russell and Lie for their work on the Ad Hoc committee.

MINUTES APPROVAL

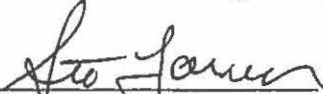
Councilmember Sears to approve the August 16th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by both Councilmembers Martin and Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36251 – 36288 with \$114,123.84 for claims and \$42,891.16 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$157,015.00 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 8:09 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Sign-in Sheet
September 6, 2022

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Public Hearing

Sign-in Sheet

September 20, 2022

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City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 20, 2022

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 were Councilmembers Martin, Phillips, and Sears. Councilmember Lie was able to attend for roughly ten minutes but then lost his connection. A quorum was still met during these issues. Councilmember Phillips arrived late and initially could not establish sound but eventually was able to connect. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the Bolt Creek Fire, updating the Council and reviewing what was going on. The City Hall was open Saturday and Sunday for those in need of shelter and a handful of people and pets used the building. He has been attending daily meetings with the incident teams and said this is a good reminder for elected officials to review emergency plans.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess also gave updates on the Bolt Creek Fire as well as general incidents in the City and upcoming events.

Director Norris talked about projects, including crack sealing that was recently finished.

Clerk Stowe said she will not be at the next meeting. She asked those Councilmembers who had not picked up their checks for the month of August to do so. She said the City of Sultan has appointed Sultan Councilmember Joseph Hund as representative to the Snohomish Health District. The Health District also approached her asking if the Council would like someone to come to a meeting to update the City on what the Health District has been doing. Clerk Stowe asked the Council if they would like to also invite Councilmember Hund to come introduce himself and talk about the City's expectations regarding representing Gold Bar. Councilmembers Sears and Martin would like to have the Health District come to a meeting and to also have Councilmember Hund attend.

Office Manager Beaston said there were issues with sound for the Zoom portion of the meeting.

Chief Eric Andrews with the fire department spoke about the Bolt Creek Fire, reviewing the number of personnel fighting it, the difference between 'containment' and 'objectives', and the difficulty with people still deciding to have fires in spite of the full fire ban. Councilmember Sears thanked the firefighters for all their hard work. Chief Andrews said this fire is a classic example of why they work to mitigate fire damage. Councilmember Martin clarified that there is still red flag burn ban in effect. Chief Andrews said there was, and also said right now the fire is very visible from Skykomish. Office Manager Beaston also thanked Chief Andrews and the teams for all their work fighting the fire, and additionally complimented Chief Andrews on the new paint job for the station.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - none

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about burn bans and how the City does not have an ordinance regarding fines for ignoring burn bans.

Marty Seagran talked about people burning trash, the need for fines of at least \$2,000, and the need to have a reward for people who report those violating burn bans.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:25 pm to review Ordinance #760 relating to amending multiple municipal codes, and to begin discussion on the 2023 budget. 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.

Clerk Stowe then presented Ordinance No. 760 for a second reading and approval. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance No. 760 and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe updated the Council on the early stages of the 2023 budget, going over possible fee schedule amendments, the percentage rates of cost-of-living increases, and upcoming watermain projects. No action was needed.

With no further business, Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. The regular Council meeting was returned to at 7:33 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 759. This ordinance amends Title 2 relating to public participation at Council meetings. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Ordinance No. 759, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that the motions should include wording about accepting the ordinance for a second reading and approval as written.

Ordinance No. 761. This ordinance amends the 2022 budget related to the dump truck purchase. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance No. 761 for a second reading and approval as written and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears would like more information on fines for burn bans.

Councilmember Phillips thanked the teams fighting the Bolt Creek Fire.

Office Manager Beaston said there are ordinances in place for infractions and the Sheriff's Department issues them, not the City. Complaints about illegal burning should be calls to 911 and not to the City or to social media. The fire department responds to those calls and has jurisdiction. Mayor Yarbrough said he will research this.

MINUTES APPROVAL

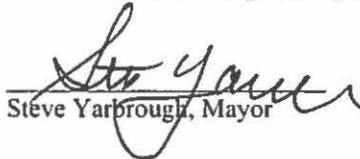
Councilmember Sears to approve the September 6th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36289 – 36317 with \$100,104.13 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$101,304.13 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. Councilmember Martin explained that the high amount of bills included the annual USDA payment.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting

Sign-in Sheet

September 20, 2022

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, and Chief Hess.

Councilmember Lie made a motion to excuse Councilmember Philips, with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough said he had attended a FEMA class on evacuation. Since then, he has spoken with Chief Andrews regarding doing an evacuation drill. Councilmember Martin inquired if the drill would be open to the public. Mayor Yarbrough stated that it would. Brief discussion ensued.

Mayor Yarbrough asked the Council if they wished to have an entrance conference with the State Auditors for the 2021 audit, or if they wished to waive that. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to waive the entrance conference, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess reviewed his report, talking about recent calls, illegal burns, and rescheduling the community crime prevention meeting for the public. Chief Hess introduced Deputy Grasseh who is new to the Gold Bar Region. Chief Hess also briefly discussed the upcoming Trunk or Treat event. Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Hess regarding helping with the illegal burning issues.

Director Norris stated that the crew is working throughout the evenings this week on flushing hydrants, something that is now being done twice a year making the flushing process quicker. He also briefly talked about the new dump truck and the ability to get some projects done with it.

Office Manager Beaston had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie apologized for the bad connection at the last meeting and he talked briefly about the difficulties his neighbors were having in getting information on the fire due to not having social media and/or computers. Neighbors were contacting him to get the latest information. There was a brief discussion on the ability to get

information out to citizens in an emergency. Reverse 911 and Smart911 were briefly discussed. Councilmember Lie also had questions on the Health Department Representative.

Councilmember Martin again thanked Chief Hess regarding helping enforce illegal burning.

Councilmember Russell echoed the thanks to Chief Hess regarding illegal burning and apologized for missing the last meeting. He also talked about the four officers that he had met and how professional they were.

Councilmember Sears made a motion to excuse Councilmember Lie and Councilmember Russell from the last meeting with a second from Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Councilmember Martin reminded people that the burn ban is still in effect.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

A woman named Andrea (no last name given) stated that she and her family had just moved from California and would like to see a park that is more for kids between two to five years of age.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie will be attending the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting next week.

Councilmember Martin said she would bring in candy for the Trunk or Treat event.

MINUTES APPROVAL

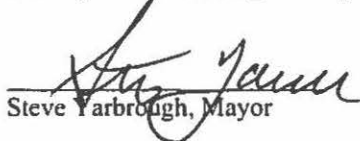
Councilmember Martin to approve the September 20th, 2022, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36318 – 36353 with \$9,044.83 for claims and \$45,914.94 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$54,959.77 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 7:33 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Denise Beaton, Office Manager

City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, Phillips, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris and Office Manager Beaton.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Yarbrough asked that the agenda be amended to allow Snohomish County Health District Representative Joseph Hun to be at the beginning, because of time constraints. Councilmember Sears moved to amend the agenda to allow the Health District Representative presentation prior to the Mayor's Report and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

Snohomish County Representative Joseph Hun introduced himself as a City of Sultan Councilmember and thanked the Council for allowing him to speak earlier in the meeting. He stepped in as the representative for the Health District when his fellow Councilmember had to step down. Councilmember Hun went on to say that he is very transparent and if anyone has any questions and/or concerns he's very easy to contact. He talked briefly about the transition that the Health Department is going through, getting vaccinated, and that the new Covid vaccine update was now out. Councilmember Lie would like to see periodic updates rather than the blackhole void as previously and said he believes the Health District is a very important part of government and he'd like to know rather than having to root around. Councilmember Hun stated there might be a new letter, but his term ends in December when the Health District transitions into Snohomish County and he is unsure of where it goes from there but he will do his best to keep Council informed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough had nothing major to report except all were all hoping for the rain that is forecasted to put this chapter behind us. AWC Risk Management is encouraging staff and elected officials to take a training on cyber security. For those who haven't, he can provide information on doing so.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris stated that the crew has been working on the catch basins for that last week and have completed about three quarters of the stormwater systems. Staff have had good success with the new truck and trailer in getting it done so we are saving a bunch of money. One thing that was schedule that citizens might have seen was a street sweeper that was hired for around those locations with stormwater catch basins that have a lot of debris. They did not get to a portion of May Creek Road; the DOC crew will finish that. No one had any questions.

Office Manager Beaton had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears stated that this was a sad week for the community with the losses of Bob Delvecchio of Sky Valley Fire Department and Karen Sample who was a teacher and activist out in Index.

Councilmember Lie stated that there was no Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting last week, that it will be happening next week. There will be a November meeting but he will be unable to attend. Councilmember Lie talked about the fire discussion that happened at the last meeting and he still can't believe that people need to burn. He hopes the fire department will continue to enforce the burn ban.

Councilmember Martin thank councilmember Lie and Sears. She talked more about burning issues.

Councilmember Russell talked more about the burning issues and people not getting the information.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for missing the last meeting. She asked to be excused if she hadn't been already. Mayor Yarbrough stated that she had been excused.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Yarbrough stated that our first new business is a Health District Presentation.

Ragina Gray from Snohomish County Health Department gave a slide show presentation on the different divisions and what they do. Ms. Gray talked briefly about the new Health Officer and she went on to talk about the merging of Snohomish County and Snohomish County Health.

Mayor Yarbrough asked about Board and Bylaws, but said it sounded like a lot of it will be changing.

Councilmember Lie he's always been a fan of the Snohomish Health District but frustrated with the lack of local communications and the lack of meaningful response but that will hopefully change with the merging.

Public Works Director Rich Norris had some questions on septic systems and stated that when someone is currently submitting for a building permit, they are required to have the Health Department's approval on the septic system and he's often guiding people on the process and wanted to know if that process would be changing and moving from Health or if that would be moving to Snohomish County Planning. Ms. Gray stated that currently they are planning on continuing that process into the future. There is the possibility that as they move into the Snohomish County building that they can change some workflows to maybe help the process and assist people with septic approvals before applying for a permit.

Councilmember Phillips asked about the septic complaints and solid waste complaints and how those are reported and handled. Ms. Gray talked about the process.

Councilmember Russell stated that he was glad to see the organization out blowing their own horn as he doesn't believe anyone knows what the Snohomish County Health Department does and thanked Ms. Gray for getting that information out there.

Resolution NO. 20-12, Land Purchase. Mayor Yarbrough stated that the County reached out to the City regarding three parcels along the Wallace River that the County had obtained ten years ago due to taxes not being paid. Since it was already being used as a park-like setting with an easement that goes through Stickney Mt. Place, the County reached out to see if the City wanted to pay the back taxes and take over the property and maintain it for public use.

Councilmember Sears asked about what the property could be used for and if park equipment could be used there. Public Works Director Norris stated that it's in the Native Growth Protection Area and so we can do interpretive trails and that type of thing. There is a large lawn area that the City currently has been maintaining for many years, but he doesn't believe that playground equipment would work back there. Councilmember Martin asked if that property flooded. Director Norris stated one lot does, but it's further back. Councilmember Lie talked about people who purchase properties and he's all for the City doing so. Much discussion ensued.

Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12 with Councilmember Lie seconding the motion. Mayor Yarbrough called for any further discussion. Councilmember Martin stated that on their handout the Resolution was 22-10. Much discussion ensued about the resolution number and if the City would have to maintain anything for flooding.

Councilmember Sears amended motion to pass resolution 22-10 and with a second from Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the landslide reports.

Councilmember Lie would like to put the links on the website and that someone needs to reach out to King County to have the back road repaired.

Councilmember Martin talked about the amount of money that was needed to repair that back road and that it has increased since it was last discussed.

Councilmember Russell would like to see the links on all the sites. Much discussion ensued about the website.

MINUTES APPROVAL

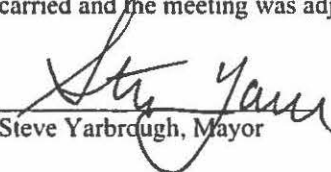
Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the October 4th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36354-36376 with \$17,628.25 for claims and \$1,621.01 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$19,249.26 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 7:45pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Denise Beaton, Office Manager

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm due to waiting for a quorum. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, by Zoom and in person. Present were Councilmembers Martin, Phillips, and Russell. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough spoke with businesses regarding impacts from the Bolt Creek Fire and then attended a roundtable to discuss those issues. The response team will be back in the area doing another assessment. He also said the Trunk or Treat event was well attended.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess reviewed the report he submitted.

Director Norris said 90% of the stormwater drains are completed. Councilmember Russell asked about puddles at 1st Street and there was brief discussion.

Office Manager Beaston sent out her report previously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Hess for his efforts on the Trunk or Treat event. She said it was an excellent community activity.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for being late.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Earl Miner talked about potholes.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 22-10, Surplus Equipment. This resolution allows for the sale of surplus equipment. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Resolution 22-10 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

CivicPlus Agreement. Municode has become CivicPlus for codification. They now require a contract. Rates have increased, codification will only be done quarterly, and there will be a charge for hard-copy invoices. After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize entering into this contract and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. The Council would like research done regarding competitive companies.

Prior Minutes Amendments. Clerk Stowe had three items that needed clarification and corrections.

Councilmember Phillips moved to repeal the motion of October 4th adopting the September 20th minutes, then amending those minutes to correct the number of Ordinance 760, which was listed as Ordinance 759 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Councilmember Russell moved to repeal the motion of October 18th adopting the October 4th minutes, then amending those minutes to add the missing motion relating to waiving the audit entrance conference, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Councilmember Phillips moved to amend Resolution 22-10 relating to the land purchase to correct the resolution number to Resolution 22-12 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - none

MINUTES APPROVAL


Councilmember Martin moved to approve the October 18th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36377 – 36418 with \$57,463.53 for claims and \$39,699.54 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$97,163.07 and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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Earl Miner, Linda Ave

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, by Zoom and in person. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaton, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the recent high-water event. He met with the Department of Emergency Management, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, and the Army Corp of Engineers during the event to monitor water levels and the County dike. The County is currently monitoring a log jam. The City had already placed measurement devices in the dike for monitoring changes and Mayor Yarbrough said that while there were changes downstream none were the result of any changes in the dike itself.

Mayor Yarbrough also met with City staff and State Senator Hawkins at the City Hall. Councilmember Lie asked if there was discussion around SR2 traffic, which there was.

There may be grants available for debris flow mitigation related to the Bolt Creek Fire.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess spoke briefly about meeting with business owners and planning for the upcoming holiday parade, which will be December 17th at 5:00 pm. There was brief discussion around the presence of Mr. and Ms. Claus.

Director Norris said staff are working on a lot of small projects. The City sign is back and will be installed. Additions are being installed on the new dump truck and staff are waiting on final parts for the plow. Councilmember Lie asked about the surplus equipment discussed at the last meeting and potholes on 1st Street. Councilmember Sears asked for a timeline on the new dump truck being ready to plow and was told it depended on the parts they were waiting for. Councilmember Phillips asked how the public could purchase surplus equipment and Director Norris reviewed the process. Councilmember Russell asked about crack seal work that was done and if it was done to any specifications. The vendor mistakenly went down the wrong street and quit when they realized their mistake. The streets eligible for crack seal work had to meet specifications by the Transportation Improvement Board and not all streets were eligible.

Clerk Stowe said the CivicPlus agreement approved by the Council at the previous meeting had been sent back with changes, including a reduced cost. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the amended CivicPlus agreement and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears apologized for missing the last meeting. Councilmember Phillips moved to excuse Councilmember Sears' absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, with Councilmember Sears abstaining.

Councilmember Lie said that he had previously informed the Council he would be gone and Mayor Yarbrough told him that his absence had already been excused. Councilmember Lie said in the past sixteen years this Council has the best attendance he's seen.

Councilmember Martin let everyone know there is a burn ban in effect.

Councilmember Russell talked about mushrooming and said he would look at the dike.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for being late.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm and reviewed the requirements for the hearing. The agenda for the public hearing included the 2023 budget, 2023 property taxes, and amendments to the fee schedule. No Councilmember had any ex parte contacts, breaches of appearance of fairness, or any conflict of interest that would require them to be recused from the hearing.

Clerk Stowe reviewed the draft budget and let the Council know there may be changes to final figures. There was discussion around the funds and the difficulty of this year's budget process. In particular, the stormwater fund no longer supports itself. There was discussion around the stormwater fund, the street fund, the water capital plan and projects, paying off the USDA loan, the inability to afford hiring another maintenance person, and the possibility instead of hiring a seasonal temporary worker for summer months, with no benefits. After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance #763 relating to the 2023 budget for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Resolution #20-13 relating to 2023 property taxes was presented. After brief discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to accept Resolution #22-13 relating to the 2023 property taxes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. Councilmember Sears then moved to accept the associated Levy Certification related to 2023 property taxes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Changes to the City's fee schedule were presented and discussed. Clerk Stowe asked that any associated motion include wording to strike the sentence relating to transportation/street impact fees as those need further research and possibly changes to municipal code. The resolution also included changes to animal control charges, an increase in stormwater rates, and an increase in water assessment rates. The utility rate changes stay with in the 3% percent increase the Council had previously discussed as an annual rate increase to cover increased costs to the City. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution #22-14 amending the City's Fee Schedule as amended to strike wording related to street impact fees, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried. The regular agenda was returned to at 7:53 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal for Fire Inspections. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize entering into the Interlocal for Fire Inspections and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about missing the previous Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and that he will be attending the next one. He also spoke briefly about the recent high-water event and the dike.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the November 1st, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36419 – 36443 with \$117,981.85 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$119,181.85 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 8:02 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, by Zoom and in person. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, and Russell. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the difficulty in plowing streets when cars are parked there, especially in the Creekside area. He said the City received a TIB grant that Director Norris will address. He also talked about upcoming holiday events.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about statistics, recent events, and the need to spread the word about the upcoming holiday parade. He also talked about Shop with a Cop that will benefit five students from Gold Bar.

Director Norris thanked staff for all the hard work during the recent snow event. He reviewed the status of plows and said staff were working on clearing sidewalks. The TIB grant is for \$405,000 for street overlay work on specific streets. The City portion will be \$21,000. He said the City is lucky to have received \$774,000 in grants from TIB over the past four years and they are generous to Gold Bar. Councilmember Lie moved to authorize the mayor to enter into the street overlay grant with TIB and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe said the Finance Committee is down to one councilmember. She will be drafting a resolution to allow a staff person to be on the committee and encouraged councilmembers and residents to consider volunteering so responsibilities aren't on one person. Councilmember Lie volunteered to be on the finance committee.

Clerk Stowe also reminded Councilmembers again that they must check emails once a week, organize their inboxes, and follow record retention rules. She said staff will begin mailing out council checks as checks aren't being picked up and it can be difficult for councilmembers to come in when they work full time.

Office Manager Beaston said no one has contacted her regarding being part of the Holiday parade other than someone who wants to bring horses. There was brief discussion around this.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie said the snow response this year was the best he's seen. He talked about political signs still on streets, and the Morning Star land trust.

Councilmember Martin thanked City staff for plowing. She asked about running water at Maggie's Café and there was brief discussion around that, which is no issue for the City. She also brought up the fire department Ho-Ho Run.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the fire department event and plowing.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for being late.

2021 AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE

State auditors Kristina Baylor and Erika Davies presented information on the City's audit for 2021. They reviewed the audit process and goals, and the importance of audits. The audit will be published on their website within two weeks. The audit of financials was clean and unmodified. Financials, processes, and internal controls were reviewed. There were no areas of non-compliance. There was a savings to the City of \$2,500 related to being able to do a remote audit and staff assistance. They thanked staff for being responsive and quick, and for being a pleasure to work with.

Councilmember Russell thanked them for their work and briefly discussed with them the costs for the next audit which will be an accountability audit as well as financial.

After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the audit representation letter and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:45 pm and reviewed the requirements for the hearing. The agenda for the public hearing was the 2023 budget. No Councilmember had any ex parte contacts, breaches of appearance of fairness, or any conflict of interest that would require them to be recused from the hearing.

Ordinance #763 relating to the 2023 budget was presented. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance #763 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried. The regular agenda was returned to at 7:49 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 762 Amending 2022 Budget. Ordinance #762 relating to amending the 2022 budget was presented. Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance #762 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about how much the town has changed and how everything seems to work. He thanked staff for their work on the audit.

Councilmember Russell agreed with Councilmember Lie. He also talked about water rates and local crime.

Councilmember Phillips thanked staff for their hard work during the year so that audits come out good.

MINUTES APPROVAL

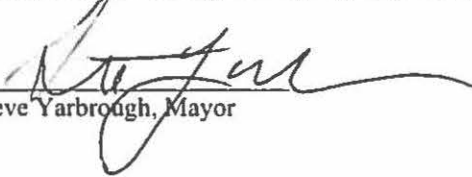
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the November 15th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36444 – 36485 with \$21,712.80 for claims and \$41,403.04 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$63,115.84 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk

Gold Bar Council Meeting

Sign-in Sheet

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Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
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CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, by Zoom and in person. Present were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about recent meetings and the holiday parade. He received a letter of interest in the open resident position on the City's Finance Committee from resident Peggy Hess. She has lived in city limits for a year. Councilmember Martin moved to appoint Ms. Hess to the finance committee, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess said the holiday parade went well and he would like to get more residents participating next year. He also said the annual Shop with a Cop went well and is a highlight of the holiday season. He will have December's report and the annual statistics at the next meeting. He also said the first of three new trucks should be arriving.

Director Norris has received the Fall View plat for development of thirty-nine homes. This has been expected and is available if the Council would like to come in and review it. He said there were some growing pains with the new plow, but it is now working well. Staff started plowing at 3 a.m.. They have a new tool that makes plowing the sidewalks much easier and was needed because the Department of Transportation (DOT) was doing something different that pushed snow up onto the sidewalks. Councilmember Lie talked about snow management for specific intersections and there was discussion around those areas.

Office Manager Beaston received a call from a citizen thanking staff for taking care of the hill at May Creek tracts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears apologized for missing the last meeting and asked to have the absence excused. He thanked staff for snow removal work.

Councilmember Lie attended his first Finance Committee and recommended that all councilmembers look at bills and see the day-to-day operations. He also encouraged people to donate blood. He talked about visibility issues at the intersection of 1st and Croft, and DOT's plan for that intersection. He is concerned DOT will make changes there without accepting input from the City.

Councilmember Martin thanked City staff for plowing. She also said there was still time to sign up for the fire department Ho-Ho Run.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the fire department event, and talked about plowing and DOT's proposed intersection work.

Councilmember Phillips moved to excuse Councilmember Sears' absence from the December 6th 2022 Council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Sears abstaining. Councilmember Phillips also thanked staff for keeping the streets clear.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 762 Amending 2022 Budget. Ordinance #762 relating to amending the 2022 budget was presented. Councilmember Martin moved to accept Ordinance #762 for a second reading and approval, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Water System Plan. Director Norris reviewed the City's water system plan, which is required by the Department of Health (DOH). He talked about the background of the plan, the amendment schedule, how long it has taken the DOH to move on the amendment, differences in the new version, timelines, water system projects and costs, storage capacity, booster pump capacity, grants, and funding upgrades through annual increases to assessments. He encouraged all Councilmembers to read the plan. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept the April 2021 Water System Plan and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-15 Amending Personnel Manual. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution No. 22-15 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-16, Finance Committee. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution No. 22-16 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie encouraged councilmembers to read the water system plan.

Councilmember Martin encouraged people to drive safely.

Councilmember Russell encouraged people to watch their water systems at home and thanked Director Norris for the list of water system projects.

Councilmember Phillips thanked neighbors for helping out with the snow.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the January 6th, 2022 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Sears abstaining.

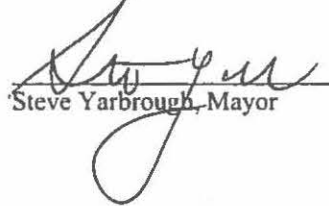
VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36462 – 36518 with \$736,050.03 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$737,250.03 and Councilmember Russell seconded the motion. Clerk Stowe then called for a question on the amounts as they did not match the check register. The motion failed for lack of votes.

Councilmember Martin then moved to approve checks numbering 36487 – 36518 with \$716,486.86 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and payroll taxes, for a total of \$717,686.86 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. Clerk Stowe verified check numbers and amounts prior to printing these minutes. The incorrect amounts and check numbers that were on the agenda included some checks from the previous Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk