

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough congratulated Councilmembers Sears, Russell, and Lie on the recent election and thanked them for continuing to serve Gold Bar.

Mayor Yarbrough acknowledged that people may have concerns about recent events at the Gold Bar Family Grocer. He said if people did have concerns about how those events were handled, they should take them directly to store management.

He said work continues to move forward on accepting card payments with an anticipated start date of January 1st. He also continues working on a potential grant for charging stations.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen had been asked previously if the disorderly conduct code was used often in other cities. He said that Snohomish used it three times, and Sultan four times in the previous year so it's something that isn't used often but does give deputies a good tool when it's needed. He also said the Sheriff's department is accepting donations for the upcoming Shop with a Cop.

There was discussion around disorderly conduct, including how it changes behavior, the benefits of education, how the codes allow issues to be resolved quicker, freedom of speech, that the code doesn't enforce laws against people in general, but is created for victims of crimes, that law enforcement personnel can't be a victim of disorderly conduct, the need to have tools to protect victims and at the same time to balance that against free speech, and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

Director Norris said the water main project is complete. He reviewed the budget and how they were able to add another 660 feet of new pipe, upgrade eleven services, and upgrade hydrants and still come in under budget. There was discussion around upcoming paving projects, street overlay grants, and stormwater basins and drains.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie thanked Mayor Yarbrough for his comments about the Family Grocer store. He also clarified comments he made previously regarding housing.

Councilmember Martin said that regarding the potential for future sewer systems, if the city is going to progress, sooner or later it will have to face getting a sewer system. She said councilmembers are temporary and encouraged the council to listen to Director Norris who has a tremendous amount of knowledge and his expertise should be honored.

Councilmember Russell talked about the grocery store and how people reacted. He also thanked Mayor Yarbrough for the way he handled the situation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:21 pm and reviewed the procedures for the hearing. The applicable agenda was an introductory review of the 2024 budget. No councilmember had any reason to recuse themselves from the hearing.

Clerk Stowe talked about the 2024 budget and the work done so far. There was brief discussion about the potential street sweeper and fund balances. Councilmembers Lie, Phillips, and Russell would like to see the detail budget with BARS codes.

With no further business, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:31 pm and the council returned to the regular agenda.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance 772 Amending Title 9. There was a great deal of discussion around the wording of one section, and comparing it to RCWs. Discussion included many of the same topics discussed under Chief Whalen's staff report. After discussion, Councilmember Lie made a motion to table the ordinance until there was a chance to review the relevant RCW. The motion died for lack of a second. More discussion continued. Councilmember Lie then made a motion to amend Title II, Section A to have the wording match RCW 9A.84.030(a) and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, a vote was called for. Councilmembers Lie and Phillips voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Sears and Martin voted against. Councilmember Russell abstained. Councilmember Russell then changed his vote to vote in favor and the motion carried. Councilmember Phillips then moved to approve Ordinance #772 as amended and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Housing Element. Councilmember Phillips moved to table discussion until the next meeting in order to review changes and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #773 Amending the 2023 Budget. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #773 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Ordinance #774 Adopting the 2024 Budget. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #774 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie clarified his opinion on sewer systems and that people need to have all the information to make decisions rather than the city doing it for them.

MINUTES APPROVAL

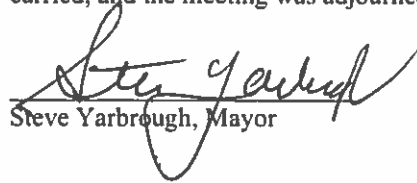
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the November 7th, 2023, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37217 through 37252 with \$22,879.24 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$24,079.24 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 7:54 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Agenda

CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

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)

PUBLIC HEARING 2024 BUDGET – DISCUSSION

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. HOUSING ELEMENT - DISCUSSION

2. ORDINANCE #773 AMENDING 2023 BUDGET – SECOND READING AND ACTION

3. ORDINANCE #774 2024 BUDGET – SECOND READING AND ACTION

NEW BUSINESS

1. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTERLOCAL – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2. ORDINANCE #775 AMENDING TITLE 1 – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

MINUTES APPROVAL

November 21, 2023

VOUCHER APPROVAL

CHECKS

37253 - 37279

CLAIMS

\$8,104.13

PAYROLL & TAXES

\$44,027.61

TOTAL

\$52,131.74

ADJOURNMENT

Public Hearing
November 21, 2023

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