

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, by Zoom and in person. Present in person were Councilmembers Lie and Martin. Staff members present in person were Director Norris, Chief Whalen, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Russell, Sears, and Phillips attended via Zoom, with Councilmember Phillips arriving at 7:05.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough thanked Councilmember Lie for running the previous meeting. He has signed an agreement with AllPaid which will allow the city to begin accepting credit and debit card payments with a tentative start date in January. He continues to work on the Electric Vehicle charging station grant but the grant only pays 75% of the cost so the city would be responsible for the remainder. There was brief discussion around possible locations and charging stations that were in Gold Bar in the past.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen talked about recent activity. He said 27% of activity has been traffic enforcement. There was one theft in town which is the first one in several months. He talked briefly about the recent Trunk or Treat, meeting with elementary school staff, and recent issues with the post office that led to the disorderly conduct ordinance on the agenda. Councilmember Russell complimented the chief on the seamless transition to the new position.

Director Norris said the watermain project is 95% complete. He reviewed work still to be done that will have some related water shutoffs. He updated the council on the street overlay project and recent work on new storm drain catch basins. There was brief discussion around the location of the basins and how many more still need to be installed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears reminded people to get their ballots in by 8:00 pm and said he will miss the January 2nd meeting.

Councilmember Lie talked about the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and changes in how the group will be run. He also talked about Housing Hope and affordable housing.

Councilmembers Russell talked about his history years ago with Housing Hope.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

SNO-ISLE LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Lois Langer Thompson, Sonia Gustafson, and Jackie Personeus gave a brief presentation on the library system, the services offered in the community, partnerships with schools, programs at the Sultan library, mobile book services, audio books, and e-books. Councilmember Lie said the library isn't obsolete. Councilmember Sears thanked them for coming out and the work they do. Councilmember Russell also thanked them and talked about a research project he worked on years ago.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the procedures for the hearing. The applicable agenda covers a resolution amending the fee schedule and 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.

Resolution 23-06 relating to the fee schedule was presented. This amendment raises parking violations and water late fees. After brief discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to accept Resolution 23-06 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

With no further business, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:46 pm and the council returned to the regular agenda.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Housing Element. Director Norris talked changes he would like to see to this draft. He reminded the council that these elements are initial drafts prior to creating a final draft that will go out to the public for comment. After discussion the council chose to table the housing element until the next meeting in order for Director Norris to note the changes he wants to see.

Resolution 23-07, Property Taxes and Levy Certification. This is the annual resolution and levy certification that increases property taxes by 1%. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution 23-07 relating to property taxes for 2024 and the levy certification as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Ordinance 772 Amending Title 9. Chief Whalen gave a brief introduction about this ordinance that deals with disorderly conduct. There was further discussion, including a change Clerk Stowe will make for the second reading. With no further discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance 772 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Yarbrough thanked the citizens that attended by Zoom and in person.

MINUTES APPROVAL

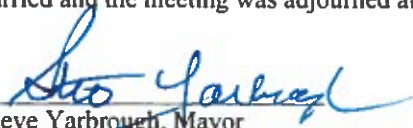
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the October 17th, 2023, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Martin abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37177 through 37216 with \$242,744.90 for claims and \$43,553.60 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$286,298.50 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, 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 8:04 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer