

# City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 3rd, 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears, with Councilmember Phillips coming in shortly into Chief Hess report. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, and Chief Hess.

### 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 welcomed everyone to 2023 and stated that there are only twenty-four down and seventy-two to go for his term. The year ended with mother nature reminding us who is in charge, with more wind forecast.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess went over two reports; one for the year and the other being for the month of December. Much discussion ensued.

Director Norris stated they got a new plow for the tractor and within three and half hours they were able to plow all the sidewalks along the highway, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lewis Ave, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and May Creek Road so super productive and it's making the sidewalks safer for the citizens. Along with that just before Christmas they broke out the sander and spent the better part of the day sanding streets, so it was very productive. However, the clutch went out on the sander. They have ordered a new one and it will be back up and working prior to the next snow event.

Director Norris stated that during the big freeze several people called in with complaints of no water, when in fact they had water, they just had frozen pipes. Only one meter needed to be changed out. There were lots of people with water leaks, some using over sixty thousand gallons. Meters were read last week and there are a lot of people that probably have no idea that they have a leak. There will be a notice on the back of the bill regarding leaks and contacting the city for a possible adjustment with provided documentation. During the freeze a branch came down and broke the windshield and dented a city truck.

Director Norris talked briefly about the crosswalk on Croft Avenue that Washington Department of Transportation (DOT) is planning in 2024. He showed a brief presentation on what the crosswalk would look like. Much discussion ensued with councilmembers having several safety concerns regarding the crosswalk.

Office Manager Beaston had no report but handed Councilmember Martin a memo on the vouchers regarding the totals being off, but the voucher numbers being correct.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears briefly talked about how the citizens stepped up and helped their neighbors during the event.

Councilmember Lie wanted to acknowledge the city staff efforts during the snow event and thanked them for the work being done.

Councilmember Martin just wanted to continue the 'atta-boys' for city staff, that it's very impressive.

Councilmember Russell hopes that staff is having safety meetings. He talked briefly about the outreach from neighbors and helping each other.

Councilmember Phillips wanted to echo what the others had said.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers briefly talked about the crosswalk and that in 2006 there was a US2 safety coalition that were able to get a lot done. He would like to get a coalition together again.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS – None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Yarbrough briefly explained the reason for repealing Resolution 22-15. Councilmember Sears moved to repeal Resolution 22-15 and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

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

Councilmembers Sears, Lie, Martin, and Phillips had no comments.

Councilmember Russell just wanted to say he thought Joe Beavers' idea was good in putting pressure on DOT.

## **MINUTES APPROVAL**

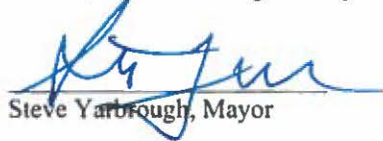
Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as presented, with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

## **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36519 – 36551, with \$10,839.08 for claims, which has been updated and are correct, and with \$54,900.05 for payroll and payroll taxes, which is also correct, for a grand total update of \$65,739.13 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 7:50pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Denise Beaston, Office Manager

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 17th, 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, Sears, and Phillips. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston and Chief Hess.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough stated that he had attended the January 4<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting in Sultan and provided the State of the City Address. Mayor Yarbrough went on to talk about the meeting out on the cannery dike with Department of Emergency Management, County Surface Water and Core of Engineers and came up with the next steps in preparing to get the dike repaired. The next meeting out on the dike will be with Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Tulalip Tribe.

### STAFF REPORT

Director Norris talked about the new Federal Government requirement that is being enforced by Washington Department of Drinking Water that requires all local water service providers to do an audit of all service lines between the water meter and the house and we must know what type of water service line is in use between the meter and the house. This new requirement is due by the end of 2023 and is the result of what took place in Detroit with their water service problems. In years past some jurisdiction may have used lead or galvanized service lines which can react with the water and contaminate the house with a high lead content. In the past the jurisdictions have only been responsible for the waterline between the main and the meter, but by the end of 2023 we have to put a plan in place and it's the water judications responsibility that if there are any lead service lines or galvanized services lines between the meter and the house, the jurisdiction has to pay to replace those lines or the jurisdiction can do it themselves. Much discussion ensued with councilmembers regarding the new regulations.

Chief Hess went over stats for inside the city and in the Gold Bar Region and briefly talked about the call at the Family Grocer and response times for the units responding and who all responded. Chief Hess stated that there would be a Block Watch meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Much discussion ensued.

Office Manager Beaston had no report.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked Chief Hess for trying to push for the body cameras, he always thinks it's great to accountability and stuff.

Councilmember Lie had no comments.

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Hess for the response to the Gold Bar Family Grocer.



Councilmember Russell also thanked Chief Hess and wondered if there was a middle of the road response for the earlier calls with this individual.

Councilmember Phillips thanked Chief Hess and for all the work that they do.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

Joe Beavers, 431 Linda Avenue, gave kudos to the woman at the Family Grocer during the situation. Mr. Beavers stated that middle ground is something that would have to come from Olympia and not the city or county.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS – None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Public Works Director Rich Norris stated that he had mentioned to council that the plat application for the property located beyond Wallace Falls Court on Ley Road had been received. The initial plat has been named Fall View and it includes 39 lots and four tracks of property that will he believes be conveyed to the city. The application is currently at the city's consultants for review for adherence to our Gold Bar Municipal Codes, and that the Stormwater facilities meets the Washington State Stormwater manual and then all of the ecology information that needs to be reviewed.

Mr. Norris stated that the property was originally submitted back in 2004 to 2005 as a 54 lot development, but it has been scaled back to the 39 due to the fact that the Department of Health has increased the minimum lot size for your typical 3 and 4 bedroom home, so the lots are much bigger than they were in 2004.

Mr. Norris stated that he had provided the plat map so the council could get an initial look at it and that he is available if anyone has any questions. The property has been posted for the public, but we don't have a Hearing Examiner date set as of yet. The application is complete, and the applicant has been notified.

Much discussion ensued with council on where the edge of the property is located from the park and the Wallace River and what the dedicated lots could be used for, stormwater discussion and if there would be an HOA.

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

Councilmembers Sears, Lie, Martin and Russell had no comments.

Councilmember Phillips had a question on if the discussion from earlier in the year on growth, if this effected that. Mr. Norris stated that the growth plan was based on total amount of developable land within city limits and the UGA, so this current design fits in with our population growth model.

Chief Hess talked about another call they had responded to on the day of the Gold Bar Family Grocer incident.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

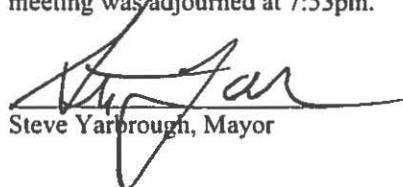
Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from January 3rd, 2023, as presented, with a second by councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36552 – 36581 with \$118,344.82 for claims and \$1,646.59 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$119,991.41 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 7:53pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Denise Beaston, Office Manager



# Agenda

## CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 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)

CONTINUED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. FALL VIEW PRELIMINARY PLAT PRESENTATION - DISCUSSION

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

MINUTES APPROVAL

January 3, 2023

### VOUCHER APPROVAL

| CHECKS        | CLAIMS       | PAYROLL & TAXES | TOTAL        |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 36552 – 36581 | \$118,344.82 | \$1,646.59      | \$119,991.41 |

ADJOURNMENT





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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, Sears, and Phillips. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Clerk Stowe, and Chief Hess.

### **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 meeting about comprehensive planning and attended one about community transit regarding the proposed crosswalk and bus routes. He continues to monitor the levee and he and staff met with several agencies regarding this. Mayor Yarbrough also presented a Sky Valley community award to the local chapter of Red Hats for their work with community events.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Hess reviewed his report and demonstrated recent changes to an interactive map. There was brief discussion around his report.

Director Norris showed the Council an updated amortization schedule relating to the City's USDA loan, and the impact last year's extra payment of \$700,000 had on the loan. That payment reduced the length of the loan by sixteen years and saved the City \$479,126.55 in interest.

Director Norris also talked about the recent failure of a well pump, the costs of a new pump (\$100,000), and the choice to treat water rather than purchase from the PUD in the interim. There was discussion around the pump.

Office Manager Beaston reported on code enforcement and animal control. Councilmember Russell asked about a property in city limits and there was discussion around enforcement on private property.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears said he was glad to be back in person and spoke briefly about property taxes and upcoming meetings.

Councilmember Lie thanked Chief Hess for his culture of communication, talked about the community block watch group, and reviewed areas where Community Transit could create new bus stops.

Councilmember Martin congratulated Mayor Yarbrough about the Sky Valley Chamber presentation, said she would be meeting with Community Transit, and congratulated staff for their work on the USDA loan.

Councilmember Russell thanked Chief Hess for the information he provides.

Councilmember Phillips asked Director Norris about pH levels in the well water during work on the pump, which are running at 7.2. This level is well below the Department of Health's threshold.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Resolution 22-15 amending the personnel manual.* This resolution was previously acted on by the Council and then repealed. A minor change was made in this version. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to adopt Resolution 22-15 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution 23-01, Hazard Mitigation Plan.* Clerk Stowe gave a brief background on the plan which is updated annually. Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Resolution 23-01 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #763 amending Title 15.* This ordinance removes and updates old language no longer done by the City. Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Ordinance #763 for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmembers Sears asked for an update on the proposed skate park, which is on hold until a vendor is found who will be willing to come to Gold Bar to do the needed work.

Councilmember Lie talked about Community Transit and another area near 429<sup>th</sup> that might work for a park.

Councilmember Martin talked about the washout in Index.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

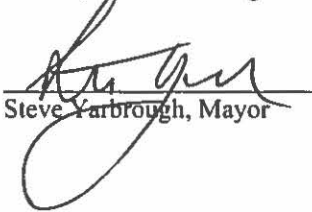
Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36582 – 36625 with \$120,069.99 for claims and \$44,455.82 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$164,525.81 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 7:59 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer



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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston and Chief Hess. Councilmember Phillips was absent from the meeting.

### 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 stated work was still being done to set a meeting with agencies for a long-term solution for the Cannery Levee. He went on to say that DEM (Department of Emergency Management) is interested in hosting a meeting to discuss flood risk for the community.

### STAFF REPORT

Director Norris talked about the well repairs, tree removal from the levee, and grindings.

Councilmember Lie inquired about the Comprehensive Plan and had some items that he thought needed cleaned up. Director Norris stated that he has talked to the consultants and prior to adoption the Plan will come before council and the public several times so there will be plenty of time to get those items covered. Director Norris stated that the City will handle community outreach and that he will have a booth at Gold Dust Days to accomplish that.

Councilmember Russell talked about a post he saw on social media regarding potholes and asked Director Norris what could be done. Much discussion ensued.

Office Manager Beaston stated she had nothing to report. Councilmember Lie inquired if she had caught the two dogs that had been in his yard earlier in the day. She stated that she had caught them further down May Creek and they have been claimed. Brief discussion ensued.

Chief Hess stated that he will hold Coffee With the Chief on March 4<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers. He is also working with DEM on doing a tabletop exercise on train derailment. Much discussion ensued.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears stated that he had met with County Councilmember Megan Dunn and she brought up concerns that the City hadn't approved the transfer of the Health District Rucker Building to the Health Department. Mayor Yarbrough stated that it will be on the next agenda.



Councilmember Lie talked about the CERT class that he had been through and his concerns for railroad cars sitting on tracks and that on occasion are broken into. Much discussed ensued. Councilmember Lie then gave an update on Snohomish County Tomorrow meetings. He, too, has had a conversation with Councilmember Dunn and the importance of working with the Health Department.

Councilmember Martin stated that Community Transit (CT) will be at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> and it would be a good time to bring up City concerns. The meeting is at noon on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Sultan City Hall in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Russell thanked the Chief for being proactive on the railroad thing.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers talked about a past incident with a train.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Ordinance #763 Amending Title 15.* Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve Ordinance #763 and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS - None**

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

Councilmember Lie said it would be a shame if the City didn't advocate for continued CT service. He thinks that removing it would be a mistake and that as a government group we should encourage it to continue.

Councilmember Martin stated that she didn't believe that CT is planning any cuts and that their presentation would give us an opportunity to lobby for more service, more frequently, and possibly to go further up the valley.

Councilmember Russell stated he highly agreed and said CT might get increased ridership if they went to Wallace Falls State Park. He stated he has spoken to CT and they have said they are actually looking at cutting back trips to Gold Bar.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented, with a second by Councilmember Russell. Councilmember Lie asked for an amendment. The motion then died for lack of action.

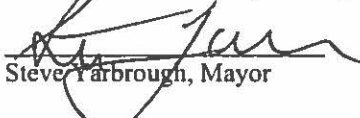
Councilmember Lie made a motion to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> minutes with an amendment to end his comments where he spoke about the area that might work for a bus stop. Councilmember Sears seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with the amendment.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36626-36656 with \$17,873.51 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$19,073.51 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.

  
Steve Farbrough, Mayor

  
Denise Beaton, Office Manager

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, Sears, and Phillips. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, Clerk Stowe, and Chief Hess.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough updated the Council on meetings regarding the Cannery Levee, upcoming emergency planning meetings, and upcoming tabletop exercises on railroad derailments.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about the number of incidents compared to earlier months, the positive feedback he's receiving, recent arrests, equipment, and meetings with other communities. Councilmember Phillips asked for clarification regarding reviewing properties for safety and there was brief discussion around this. Councilmember Lie asked about the availability of the Chief's reports. Mayor Yarbrough said the reports are available at the city hall and Office Manager Beaston said they are also on the city website. There was brief discussion about activities outside of Gold Bar. Mayor Yarbrough also asked when a meeting with resource officers at the elementary school would be rescheduled. There is no date set yet.

Director Norris said the Well 4 rebuild is still ongoing. There was discussion around sediment, bringing Well 1 online as an emergency backup, providing water without having to purchase from the PUD, well capacities, the pH of water, and blending.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie attended the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting which had a presentation by the Health District. He also encouraged people to donate blood.

Councilmember Martin attended a chamber of commerce meeting that had an interesting presentation by Community Transit.

Councilmember Russell also talked about Community Transit.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for missing the previous meeting. Councilmember Sears moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips' absence at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Katrina Dohn spoke about fireworks.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Health District Agreement.* Clerk Stowe reminded the Council of the history around relinquishing rights to the Rucker Building, and the concerns the City had. She and Mayor Yarbrough met with Snohomish County, who took the City's concerns to their legal team. Clerk Stowe did the same with the City attorney. After review, an amended agreement was drafted. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the agreement and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried. Councilmember Martin pointed out dates in the agreement that will have to be updated.

*February 7, 2023 Minutes, Amended.* After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

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

Councilmembers Sears was glad to see the Health District issue resolved.

Councilmember Russell said it was nice to see the City doing due diligence where the Health District was concerned.

## **MINUTES APPROVAL**

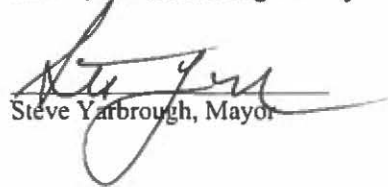
Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

## **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36657 – 36691 with \$16,444.26 for claims and \$44,154.89 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$60,599.15 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 7:41 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Russell, Sears, and Phillips. Also present was Public Works Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, and Chief Hess.

### 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 stated that the community hazards meeting, with DEM (Department of Emergency Management) taking the lead, is set for April 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the evening and held at the Startup Event Center. Brief discussion ensued.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess stated they will now be fully staffed. He briefly talked about recent parking issues and that they now have new parking ticket books. Brief discuss ensued on the retirement of Dave Casey and Chief Hess's award for Supervisor of the year. Chief Hess stated he would have stats at the next meeting.

Director Norris stated that he had met with our consultants at BlueLine to go over the overlay project for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West and 415<sup>th</sup> Street which includes part of Dorman Rd. The project is on schedule and will go out to bid in April. Project should start in May.

Director Norris is waiting on CDBG for Snohomish County to finish the funding request for the bid portion of the Linda Avenue project which will happen this summer. Much discussion ensued on the project on Linda and the new water main that will run down Linda Avenue and under 8<sup>th</sup> Street and continue down 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Also discussed was the status of work being done on the wells and water testing.

Office Manager Beaston had no report.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears apologized for not being at the meeting in person and that he will have to leave at 7:30.

Councilmember Lie stated that the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the major topic being housing targets based on income levels.

Councilmember Martin congratulated Chief Hess on a job well done and stated that she had attended the retirement party for former Chief Dave Casey and had presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the City of Gold Bar.

Councilmember Russell also congratulated Chief Hess and briefly talked about the event coming up for community hazards.

Councilmember Phillips stated thanks to former Chief Dave Casey and may he enjoy his retirement and also congratulated Chief Hess.



**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Martin stated that Dave Casey had stated his best eight years was when he served as Chief of Gold Bar. Councilmember Lie also briefly talked about all the good things he had heard about former Chief Dave Casey.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7th, 2023, as presented, with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36692 - 36721 with \$53,016.83 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$54,216.83 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 7:18 pm.

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Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Denise Beaston, Office Manager

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 4, 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Sears, and Phillips. Councilmember Russell arrived at 7:08. Also present was 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 had a meeting regarding the Miracle Food Network and their work in food distribution in Gold Bar.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Hess's report was in council packets. He reviewed the top five things deputies are involved in currently, then talked about attending a block watch meeting, the Wallace Falls State park and parking, traffic enforcement, and the upcoming Coffee with the Chief. Councilmember Lie asked about traffic stop numbers and there was brief discussion around that.

Clerk Stowe reminded the council that it was time to do their public disclosure report to the Public Disclosure Commission. There was discussion around whether this was still required annually.

Office Manager Beaston spoke briefly about violations.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears talked about April Fool's day.

Councilmember Lie talked about the site of the first atomic bomb explosion. He also talked about the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting he attended. There was brief discussion around the low-income housing initiative and potential impacts to Gold Bar.

Councilmember Martin is still interested in the possible modification of fireworks bans. She also asked about a Department of Emergency Management meeting. Mayor Yarbrough said it will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>, and will be advertised.

Councilmember Russell apologized for the technical difficulties that delayed his arrival via Zoom. He attended a Crime Stoppers meeting and talked about wanting to require bikes to have lights after dark.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers asked about assistance from Chief Hess regarding traffic cones and safety during refurbishing work at the chapel outside of Sultan.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS – None**

## NEW BUSINESS

*Pace Engineering Agreement.* The City regularly works with Pace Engineering and the agreement for services needed to be renewed. It was noted that Exhibit B was blank rather than containing fees. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to table the agreement until the next meeting and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

*Gold Bar Geek IT Interlocal.* Clerk Stowe neglected to bring this interlocal to the Council for renewal in January and apologized. Mayor Pro-Tem Lie took over this portion of the agenda. There was discussion around whether to send the interlocal out for bid or to continue with current services. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve the interlocal as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried. The meeting was then turned back over to Mayor Yarbrough.

*Ordinance #764, Uncollected Debt.* Clerk Stowe gave the background information regarding this ordinance and there was discussion around the reasons for it and utilizing the policy. After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #764 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried.

*Proclamation for Food Waste Prevention Week.* Mayor Yarbrough presented this, which is part of the Miracle Food Network. Councilmember Lie moved to accept this proclamation and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

## FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie said he would have preferred the subject of amending fireworks codes to have come from local citizens rather than someone connected to the fireworks industry. He also believes this won't change the fireworks culture in Gold Bar.

Councilmember Martin thanked the mayor for the proclamation.

Councilmember Russell spoke briefly about fireworks and agreed with Councilmember Martin that it might provide revenue for local businesses but also agreed with Councilmember Lie that he doubted it would change the culture.

Councilmember Phillips is all for fireworks but also agrees with Councilmember Lie that it would be better if it was done locally.

## MINUTES APPROVAL

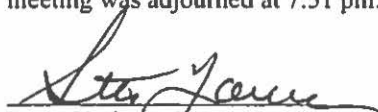
Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

## VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36722 - 36758 with \$28,078.22 for claims and \$47,749.80 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$75,828.02 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 7:51 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

# City of Gold Bar

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 18, 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Sears, Phillips, and Russell. Also present was 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.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the upcoming community hazard meeting and that translator services will be available. He also talked about the Miracle Food Network hoping to expand their distribution.

### STAFF REPORT

Director Norris said staff were working on tree removal, filling potholes and upcoming patching. He is still waiting on bearings for the well repair, but the water system is still able to maintain supply. He also talked about passing recent water tests. This led to general discussion from the council on such things as signage, bearings, playground equipment, playground locations, food distribution locations, water tables and rain, Purple Heart designations, and graffiti.

Clerk Stowe talked about the upcoming Community Day at the Gold Bar Elementary school, the check numbering on the agenda due to a voided check, and that the annual financial draft report was available for any councilmembers that might like to review prior to submitting.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow's hiring of a new coordinator.

Councilmember Martin talked about the refurbished sign.

Councilmember Russell talked about the community hazard meeting.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

### CONTINUED BUSINESS

*Pace Engineering Agreement.* After discussion on rates, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the agreement and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #764, Uncollected Debt.* After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #764 for a second reading and adoption as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.



**NEW BUSINESS - none**

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Lie said he would push the upcoming hazards meeting on social media.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

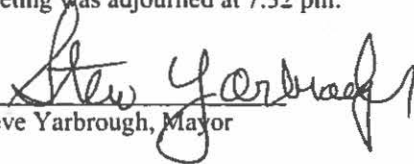
Councilmember Lie asked to have the minutes amended to change the word 'businesses' to 'citizens'. Councilmember Lie then moved to approve the minutes as amended and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36759, and 36761 - 36785 with \$17,886.22 for claims and \$1,785.42 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$19,671.64 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 7:32 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 2, 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 were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, Sears, Phillips, and Russell. Also present was Office Manager Beaston, Director Norris, Chief Hess, and Clerk Stowe.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough asked the Council if they would be interested in creating a resolution in support of opening the Old Cascade Highway and they were. He talked about legislation around prosecuting drug possession and asked the Council to research options for solutions. He also talked about updating the city website and social media. There was brief discussion around the recent community hazards meeting.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about his report, reviewed highlights, traffic stop numbers, and body cameras.

Director Norris presented a consultant agreement with BlueLine, talked about the upcoming bid opening, and that the city will receive truckloads of grindings. After discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize signing the BlueLine consultant agreement and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

Director Norris also said the next meeting will have a presentation on the Housing Action Plan and there will be material for the Council to review prior to this.

There was discussion around housing, well parts, and traffic cameras.

Clerk Stowe told the Council that Betty Hodo, wife of former mayor Lee Hodo, passed away and asked them to sign a card. She also let them know that candidate filing week was coming up.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow's draft report which he gave out for review. It was also emailed to councilmembers. He also talked about the recent community hazards meeting and wildfires.

Councilmember Martin also talked about the community hazards meeting, and an upcoming meeting about accessible housing.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the community hazard meeting.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about the recent sign restoration.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS - none**

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmembers Lie and Russell talked about the sign restoration.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

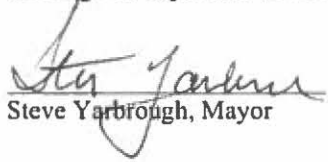
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the April 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36786 through 36817 with \$13,103.89 for claims and \$44,197.49 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$57,301.38 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 7:39 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 16, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, by Zoom and in person. Present in person were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, and Sears. Present via Zoom were Councilmembers Phillips and Russell. Also present in person was Office Manager Beaston, Director Norris, 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 - none

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about parking issues at Wallace Falls State Park, the number of tickets being issued, an upcoming race on Saturday that will increase parking issues, bringing in another deputy temporarily for the race, continuation of traffic enforcement, an upcoming eviction, and upcoming trainings.

Director Norris talked about Well 4 and the ongoing issues with the company doing the repairs. They are not returning messages. Because of the heat the last few days people used a lot of water so water had to be purchased from the PUD. There was discussion around the quality of water, which is fine, PUD water, and the difficulty getting results from the repair company.

Clerk Stowe reminded the Council that it was candidate filing week.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears updated the Council on Senate Bill 5536, known as the 'Blake fix' bill. He felt this was a step in the right direction.

Councilmember Lie wanted to salute Snohomish County Executive Somers for a recent article. He hopes the City is ready to police SR2 for campaign signs during the upcoming election cycle. He said it was good that the city had prominently posted information about ATVs as he has been seeing a lot of them on the streets. He said that the police have done well in keeping kids on quads off the streets.

Councilmember Martin is enjoying seeing the Block Watch group getting going and they are doing some projects outside of city limits. She let people know when the upcoming fire department pancake breakfast would be held. She also talked about the date for the upcoming memorial for Betty Hodo.

Councilmember Russell also talked about ATVs. Additionally, he talked about mini bikes with no mufflers, and that he had cleaned trash under the county Wallace Falls bridge.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about the history of Well 3, the crime watch group, and foliage trimming around signs.



**CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution #23-02, Old Cascade Highway.* At the last meeting the Council was in favor of creating a resolution in support of reopening the Old Cascade Highway. Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution #23-02 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Resolution #23-03, Housing Action Plan.* Director Norris asked for no action on the resolution until the next meeting in order to give Councilmembers time to read the plan. Andy McAndrews and Sharon Snook from BlueLine then presented the draft Housing Action Plan. Mr. McAndrews reviewed the plan and then took questions from the Council. There was a great deal of discussion, including Councilmember Lie's point that housing issues in larger entities causes Gold Bar to be burdened with their failures. Discussion included how infrastructure doesn't include healthcare; the number of proposed new housing and where those could go; if sewer systems solve affordable housing issues; options for different kinds of septic systems; that the housing plan will be the guiding document for the comprehensive plan update; if there are consequences if the proposed number of homes aren't built; that there is no expectation that the number of homes will be built because of things out of the city's control such as the economy; the requirement to have a plan in place; what low-income housing actually is; and whether residents want growth or not.

After discussion, Director Norris reminded the Council that there will be further discussion and action on the resolution at the next meeting.

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Norris forgot to mention during his staff report that building regulations are changing July 1<sup>st</sup> as a result of legislation around the Wildland Urban Interface. He talked about the more stringent permitting process and that staff will be tasked with enforcing these so the Council may receive calls from unhappy residents. If so, they can be referred to Director Norris. There was brief discussion around the changes.

Mayor Yarbrough thanked Councilmember Sears for his update on the Blake legislation, and thanked Councilmembers Lie and Russell for their comments on ATVs.

Councilmember Sears thanked the BlueLine staff for their presentation.

Councilmember Lie encouraged people to do their civic duty and donate blood.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

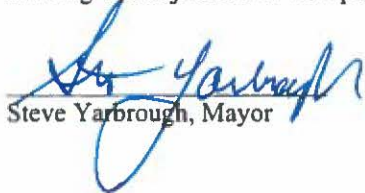
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36818 through 36846 with \$33,572.63 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$34,772.63 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 7:56 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 6, 2023

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

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

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Russell moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include a presentation on sign restoration and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Yarbrough thanked Councilmember Lie for getting the Department of Health (DOH) involved with an abandoned home. DOH will make attempts to contact the owner. Mayor Yarbrough would like to create an ordinance dealing abandoned properties for any future issues. He also said staff will receive a credit card demonstration and will look at costs. He then said he is looking at possible grants for park maintenance that do not have matching fund requirements and grants for a potential sewer feasibility study. Councilmember Sears asked if credit card payments would be allowed online and Clerk Stowe said she wasn't sure that would be an option. This will depend on costs and audit requirements.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Hess gave a snapshot of statistics for May, reviewed calls and related actions, and discussed parking enforcement. There was discussion around the source of calls, parking tickets and rates, and if those rates should be raised.

Director Norris said Well 4 is waiting on bearings for the pump and there was brief discussion around screens and sediment. He also said the Hearing Examiner approved the Fall View Plat at a public hearing and the conclusions are posted on the City website.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears said there will be events in Monroe for Pride Month, and asked what was needed for the skate park as he might have resources to help. Director Norris will let him know.

Councilmember Lie talked about a Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting, housing issues, the lack of infrastructure and access to health care on Highway 2 on Sundays, the Wallace Falls State Park, the recent trail run, cars repeatedly running stop signs, the popularity of the park, the future increase in traffic and related consequences, actions by previous mayors, and then donated a framed aerial photo of Wallace Falls.

Councilmember Martin talked about a recreation coalition meeting, fishing closures, that Wallace Falls State Park didn't get a grant for parking, and that she felt the City should lobby for funding. She also reminded people of the current red flag warning.

Councilmember Russell talked about the Fall View public hearing, Index Galena Road and impacts to Gold Bar, and the option of towing cars illegally parked.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers also talked about actions by previous mayors, then displayed new signs for a block watch group and talked about Wallace Falls funding.

John Graham asked for a letter of support from the City for parking at the Reiter Foothills ORV park. Mayor Yarbrough said the City had already done a letter of support for that previously so they should have one.

Kara Bensley talked about traffic gridlock issues, flooding impacts, and outreach regarding the levee. There was brief discussion.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:50 pm to review the Housing Action Plan and related resolution. 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. She then opened the floor for discussion.

There was a great deal of discussion on the Housing Action Plan regarding the impact of larger entities on Gold Bar housing, limited housing due to lack of a sewer, that the Plan consists of suggestions for managing housing and not that the City is required to implement them, that the Plan is a boilerplate for small entities, costs of the plan came from a Department of Commerce grant, the Plan is a Growth Management requirement, that the Plan is for the future and the City has the option to vote down actions, and that this brings the City into compliance without promising anything.

After discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to accept Resolution 23-03 relating to the Housing Action Plan as presented and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion carried, with Councilmember Lie voting against the motion and Councilmembers Martin, Phillips, Russell, and Sears voting for the motion.

With no further business, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried. The regular Council meeting was returned to at 8:03 pm.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Sign Presentation.* Curtis Kimble showed a PowerPoint presentation on proposed work to move and refurbish the Gateway sign. There was discussion around the location to move the sign to, the use of volunteers and City liability, work that City Staff would have to do, impacts to staff, the wish to have the work done prior to Gold Dust Days, and costs to the Department of Labor and Industries for volunteers. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to place this on the agenda for the next meeting and to have Mr. Kimble bring a more concrete plan, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

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

Councilmember Lie talked about the letter of support the City had done for Reiter Foothills parking, current parking issues, the causes of those issues, safety, and that the City should focus instead on Wallace Falls State Park.



Councilmember Russell talked about interactions with people on a bike run and the possibility of creating looped trails for cyclists around Kellogg Lake.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

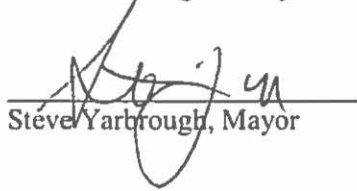
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36847 through 36892 with \$128,956.59 for claims and \$45,573.16 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$174,529.75 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 8:22 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer





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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 20, 2023

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

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

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Phillips moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include the second Blueline Consultant Agreement and to correct Resolution 22-04 to 23-04. With a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Yarbrough stated that he had attended an online zoom meeting with DEM regarding community points of distribution, what areas would likely become islands, where the best locations for drops points might be placed to distribute supplies, and how many volunteers would be needed if a major catastrophic event were to occur.

Mayor Yarbrough briefly touched on the Wallace Falls parking issues and what some different solutions might be to increase parking.

Mayor Yarbrough stated that the next council meeting is scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> and asked council if they would like to cancel the next meeting and/or move the meeting. Councilmember Sears made a motion to cancel the council meeting for July 4<sup>th</sup> with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

Councilmember Lie asked if there were any action items on the cannery levy. Brief discussion ensued.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Hess stated that Gold Bar Sheriff's Office had participated in a Touch a Truck at Gold Bar Elementary School. He met with Representative Kim Schrier's aide, and they discussed several different items including Wallace Falls State Park parking issues, Lake Serene, and any grants that could help with traffic enforcement devices.

Chief Hess briefly talked about attending Gold Dust Days with having a booth set up for him and several other officers that can interact with the citizens, and that they will have items to hand out to the children.

Chief Hess also briefly talked about National Night Out Against Crime, cross-training with the Forest Service Ranger, and traffic enforcement.

Councilmember Lie stated he had spoken to the Forest Service Park Ranger and asked whether King County was fully staffed in that area. Chief Hess stated that they do have a Deputy assigned to that area. Councilmember Lie asked if there

was an interlocal with King County. Chief Hess briefly talked about what happens when a 911 call comes in for that area. Brief discussion ensued.

Director Norris talked briefly about stormwater and the fencing of the retention pond on Elizabeth Lane. City staff installed two new stormwater catch basins on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; there is a plan of doing five more throughout the summer. Director Norris went on to say that over the last couple weeks they have worked on cleaning four bioswales where the water basically drains into a field. That area does accumulate silt, and they've never been cleaned so the crew has completed that.

Director Norris stated that the water department finally had received bids for the Linda Avenue watermain replacement. The bids were due by 5pm today and the city received six bids from various general contractors. The bids will be opened tomorrow at 10am.

Director Norris talked briefly about the 415<sup>th</sup> overlay project which includes 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West and a small section of Dorman Road. Work will start on July 10<sup>th</sup> and should be finished by the end of the week.

Director Norris stated that the WUI (Wildland-Urban Interface Code) that was to go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> has been pushed back until October 28<sup>th</sup> by the State Building Council.

Director Norris said lastly this year at Gold Dust Days the city will have a booth that will be manned by him, and the primary objective will be the comprehensive plan. Consultants have put together a survey that will be available at the booth and also online. He will be looking for feedback from citizens on what they want to see in the future for the city. There may also be displays of Gold Bar.

Councilmember Lie asked what the status was on Well 4. Director Norris stated that the company has all the parts and is waiting to finish some projects before installing them. He is hoping for next week. Brief discussion ensued regarding the well and stormwater.

Office Manager Beaton stated the city had received notification from a bank that the problem house located at 120 Lewis Avenue had been foreclosed upon and the bank is waiting for paperwork to be completed.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears had no comment.

Councilmember Lie stated he would be attending the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and, on the agenda, they will discuss transit improvement projects. One of the first projects that has been recommended is a traffic roundabout in Sultan. This will be where the parts store is located by Bubba's restaurant and won't have a big impact in helping with the flow of traffic but will allow pedestrians to cross the road safely. Councilmember Lie stated he would be voting yes and asked if anyone had any issues with that. No one did. Councilmember Lie briefly talked about Sultan's six-year plan.

Councilmember Martin talked about fires, brush crews, and the Command trailer. So, although there has been rain the fire danger is still here.

Councilmember Russell stated he had attended the Sky Valley Chamber meeting in Sultan, which was a meet and greet with our State and County elected officials. He talked briefly about a conversation with Representative Steele. Councilmember Russell was invited to go with Representative Steele and Debbie Copple to Wallace Falls State Park to speak to the Ranger regarding the parking issue.

Councilmember Phillips had no comment.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Office Manager Beaton opened the public hearing at 7:26 pm for discussion and action on the Transportation Improvement Plan and the related resolution. 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. She then opened the floor for discussion.

Director Norris stated that every few years the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan must be updated. The number one project, since 2016, is still the Orchard Avenue reconstruction. It's a big project and won't happen until the city can do the watermain on Orchard. There's still discussion on whether sidewalks are wanted or not, and if so, how to time that with the watermain replacement so the road doesn't have to be torn up twice. The number two project was awarded money this year through the TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) program and is the overlay on 415<sup>th</sup>. One project was on the last Transportation Improvement plan so there were no changes with that one. Powell Lane has also been on the plan since 2016 to be paved. It's one of the gravel roads and there is no money available for converting gravel roads to paved roads, so it sits within the plan as does Linda Avenue from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Parts of Linda Avenue are paved between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street, but again there is no funding for that. The city is, however, going to do the watermain replacement on Linda Avenue. That update to infrastructure may make some money available for those streets. Discussion included other gravel roads that are within the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan and several more projects that have been added this year. The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan was available for view.

After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution 23-04 relating to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan as presented and Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion. A vote was called for and 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 regular Council meeting was returned to at 7:38 pm.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

Signage Presentation was tabled due to no presenter being present.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Norris explained the Blueline Consultant Agreement and brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Sears made a motion to authorize the Mayor signing the agreement and Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion. Brief discussion ensued over Blueline project inspection. Motion carried.

Director Norris briefly explained the amendment to second the Blueline Consultant Agreement which had to do with previously approved funding and the current amended amount. Councilmember Sears made a motion to approve the amended Blueline Consultant Agreement and Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Sears had no comment.

Councilmember Lie wants to still pursue looking into a derelict property ordinance. There was brief discussion.

Councilmember Martin had no comment.

Councilmember Russel stated that he likes the Bremerton ordinance pertaining to derelict properties and would like to see something added with a little more teeth to it.



Councilmember Phillips had no comment.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

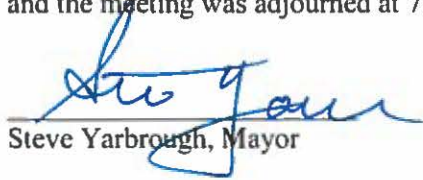
Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the June 6th, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36893 through 36924 with \$63,763.46 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$64,963.46 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 7:55 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

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Denise Beaston, Office Manager

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### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough met with representatives from the Wallace Falls State Park to discuss parking issues. They currently have no funding to expand parking spaces and it could be three to four years before they do.

He was asked to put up signs prohibiting activity at Eagle Falls but informed the requester that the area is not in Gold Bar city limits.

He reminded people that this Saturday is Gold Dust Days and that there would be a city booth there for information on the comprehensive plan updates.

Councilmember Lie asked about the status of the house at 120 Lewis Avenue. Mayor Yarbrough told him that at the time the Health District visited the structure, work was already going on for the purchase of the place. Director Norris spoke about the work being done and the permit process.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Hess talked about the human element of their work and commended Deputy Gallina for his recent assistance in a case involving a person with mental health issues. Deputy Gallina's involvement in the community and knowledge of the people they serve meant he was able to help this person and transport him so he was not faced with strangers. Deputy Gallina also took care of the person's dog, including working on his day off. City staff assisted with the care of the dog and because of this, the person and the dog were able to be reunited.

Curtis Kimble talked about restoration work on the Gateway sign. Mayor Yarbrough reminded him that if this needed Council action it should be an agenda item and that Mr. Kimble had previously requested it to be on an agenda and then cancelled. Mr. Kimble apologized. Councilmember Lie then moved to amend the agenda to allow this presentation and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. Mr. Kimble then proceeded to review restoration plans. There was discussion around timing, landscaping, what approvals were needed, what tasks City staff would do, and the need for volunteers to keep records of their hours. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve restoration work on the Gateway sign and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Stowe presented the mid-year budget report and reviewed it. The Street fund and the Stormwater fund continue to be areas of concern and it may be that Stormwater rates will have to be increased again next year. Councilmembers Sears and Russell talked about revenue and expenditures from tickets and the percentage of revenue that is paid to the State. Clerk Stowe said there may be a need to raise parking ticket fees.

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

Councilmember Martin talked about the Index Arts Festival and the pancake breakfast hosted by the fire department. Director Norris reminded people that the VFW would also be hosting a breakfast during Gold Dust Days.

Councilmember Russell talked about a traffic incident he witnessed.

Councilmember Lie talked about the comprehensive plan survey that was on the back of utility bills. Director Norris said that is just the first notification and a link to the survey will also be on the City website.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

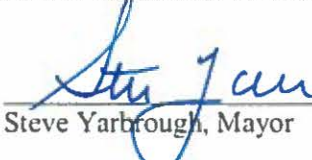
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36925 through 36960 with \$15,462.33 for claims and \$49,321.91 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$64,784.24 and checks numbering 36961 through 36989 with \$20,959.06 for claims and \$1,798.31 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$22,757.37, 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 8:02 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

**July 18, 2023**

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# City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 15, 2023

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor pro tem Lie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, by Zoom and in person. Present in person were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, and Phillips. Staff members present in person were Director Norris, Chief Hess, Office Manager Beaston, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Sears attended by Zoom. Mayor Yarbrough and Councilmember Russell sent notices prior to the meeting that they would not be in attendance.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT - none**

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Hess reviewed his report and discussed specific calls; warrant arrests; regional calls; the number of calls self-initiated; and the number of calls for July. He went on to discuss a roundtable meeting with Representative Schrier; National Night Out (NNO); thanking staff for NNO; a house that has been boarded up; traffic enforcement stops; actively looking for ATVs; civil calls; and a flyer from the city that describes how to make ATVs legal. He then informed the Council that he had been promoted and would be leaving Gold Bar at the end of the month. He is working on securing his replacement and said he has enjoyed the last three and a half years in Gold Bar and that it is a great community. He is proud of what he and the deputies have done, and of friendships made. Councilmember Lie said he was sad to see Chief Hess go. He also asked Chief Hess what civil calls are and there was brief discussion.

Director Norris said Well 4 was started and apologized to the community for the brown water. The well has been down for six months and this impacted the transmission line. Staff spent all day chasing down dirty water, which is not hazardous. The city no longer has to use PUD water. Councilmember Martin asked about 'forever chemicals' and Director Norris said the city tested for those regularly even before it became mandatory and continues to test for those. There was brief discussion.

Director Norris updated the Council on work being done on Linda Avenue and what work is upcoming.

The Gateway sign was successfully moved.

Office Manager Beaston reported briefly on a dog bite call and a wandering rooster. She then presented Chief Hess with a certificate of appreciation for his work for the city.

Clerk Stowe thanked Chief Hess for his service. She also reminded those in the audience to sign up if they wished to speak during citizen comments, and said she is beginning budget work.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked Chief Hess for work in the city as well as with schools and congratulated him on his promotion. He also reminded people to drink water in the excessive heat.

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow and their increase in annual dues. Clerk Stowe had asked him for his opinion on remaining in the organization and he felt it showed a commitment from Gold Bar to be part of the larger community. He also said if anyone else wanted to attend they could take his place. He also talked about ATVs and thanked Chief Hess and the deputies for including them in traffic control. He talked about the need for regulation around vacant buildings and understands that while each has a tragic story, the city needed to mitigate them more aggressively. He then spoke briefly about accessory dwelling units (ADUs). There was brief discussion around ADUs. He ended with talking about campaign signs and that he is glad staff are picking up signs.

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Hess for outstanding community involvement. She talked about the donation of food leftover from NNO and reminded people not to have fires.

Councilmember Phillips attended NNO and how nice it was to see everyone come together. She thanked Chief Hess and said she was happy about the promotion but sad that he's leaving.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

Because there were new people in the audience, Clerk Stowe reviewed the process for citizen comments.

Yuliya Palkha asked if sidewalks would be installed on Orchard, asked about PCBs in water, and talked about ADU compliance and their impact to community well-being. She attended a community meeting about housing and the city's comprehensive plan and was disappointed in the attendance. She would like to see the city's housing plan.

It appears the meeting was put on by a community block watch group and that a representative from Atwell (formerly BlueLine) may have been in attendance. Director Norris said there were no plans for sidewalks due to cost and the need to replace water mains first. He said water is tested regularly for PCBs and there are none. He said ADUs are not enforced unless the city receives complaints, that they can be hard to enforce, and are not legal unless they have an exception for health reasons. He said the comprehensive plan is being updated, that a community survey was sent out to residents, put on social media, and posted on the city website, and only twenty-one replied. Atwell attended Gold Dust Days and NNO with information. The housing plan was done last year and is on the city website and will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan update. He said the meeting she attended was put on by the block watch group and the city had no knowledge of it. He then said there is little interest from citizens in this type of business and encouraged her to come to more council meetings.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

## NEW BUSINESS

*Ordinance #765 amending the 2023 budget.* A grant for \$50,000 was received by the city but only the revenue portion was added to the budget. This ordinance corrects that and also adds the amount to expenditures. Councilmember Sears moved to accept ordinance #765 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Snohomish County Solid Waste Interlocal.* Clerk Stowe presented the differences between this update and the previous interlocal. There was brief discussion around solid waste services through the county, which allows for things such as junk vehicles to be taken and for residents to utilize county transfer stations. Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize the mayor to enter into this interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #766 amending sign regulations.* After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept ordinance #766 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #767 amending parking regulations.* There was brief discussion around rates and costs and clarification of the difference between this ordinance and amending the fee schedule by resolution later. Councilmember Sears moved to accept ordinance #767 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #768 amending Title 15 relating to mobile homes and house trailers.* There was discussion around the need for impact fees for new mobile homes and house trailers to offset their additional load on the water system. These impact fees would be similar to ones already in place for stormwater impacts and street impacts. Councilmember Phillips moved to accept ordinance #768 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

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

Councilmember Sears thanked Chief Hess again for his service.

Councilmember Lie appreciated Chief Hess's presence and hopes he chooses the right successor.

Councilmember Martin repeated her thanks to Chief Hess and her reminder not to be burning.

Councilmember Phillips thanked Chief Hess for all his work and then asked to have ADUs placed on a future agenda. Director Norris agreed that discussion was needed.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

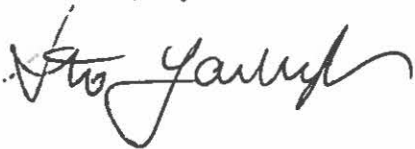
#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 36990 through 37025 with \$48,128.61 for claims and \$44,551.75 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$92,680.36 and checks numbering 37026 through 37051 with \$13,188.13 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$14,388.13, 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.

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Chuck Lie, Mayor Pro Tem



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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer



# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 5, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough introduced and welcomed the new Chief, Carl Whalen. Mayor Yarbrough said staff continued researching options for debit card usage, and thanked Skykomish for being willing to meet with staff.

He presented a requalification letter from Snohomish County Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that HUD would like signed and returned prior to September 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a great deal of discussion around how long grants are taking to be processed, how the City lost a grant for over \$100,000 for Linda Avenue due to HUD's long delays, changes around affirmative action that happened in 2021 and the lack of guidance on how those changes impact this requalification letter and the ability to manage grants, the errors in the requalification letter including an apparent gap of one year with no contract, typographical errors in the letter including labeling Gold Bar as a town and having a date of 2076, other communities also dissatisfied, the benefit of being signing and finally discussion around whether the City should renew this agreement with all of the issues. After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to approve the mayor entering into this agreement and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen introduced himself and gave a brief review of his background and qualifications. He then reviewed key points of the Chief's report that former Chief Hess created. There was discussion about things outside of Gold Bar city limits, including Index-Galena Road, what it might take to get more deputies, difficulties in staffing, and Chief Whalen's work with counterparts in other agencies.

Director Norris updated the Council on Linda Avenue progress and on how Well 4 is running. He thanked the PUD for their assistance. There was discussion around the new red paint, ordinances spelling out no parking areas, parking issues in the city limits, and the possibility of Rico's Pizza pursuing a RV park. Director Norris said that Rico's is doing dirt work but are not currently operating a RV park.

Clerk Stowe brought up numbering issues around recently passed ordinances that also impacts the ordinances before the Council in this meeting. Councilmember Russell moved to renumber the relevant ordinances and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.



Office Manager Beaston welcomed Chief Whalen.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow, abandoned buildings, complaints about people living full time in RVs, accessory dwelling units, septic systems and the need for the Department of Health to rein in non-compliance, ATVs, e-bikes, and the crime watch group and shadow governments.

Councilmember Martin welcomed Chief Whalen and talked about the continuing risk of fire.

Councilmember Russell asked to be excused from the previous meeting. Councilmember Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Russell from the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. Councilmember Russell then talked about people running stop signs and kids street racing.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS - none**

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Ordinance #765 (now Ordinance #766) amending the 2023 budget.* Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #766 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #766 (now Ordinance #767) amending sign regulations.* Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #767 for a second reading and adoption as amended to correct the Title number in the 'Therefore' section, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #767 (now Ordinance #768) amending parking regulations.* Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #768 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #768 (now Ordinance #769) amending Title 15 relating to mobile homes and house trailers.* Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #769 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Snohomish County Sheriff Interlocal.* Clerk Stowe presented the new interlocal. There was discussion around the rate increase and budgeting, the option of additional hours, the cost for more deputies, the difficulty the County is facing in hiring shortages, and the level of service between in the city and in unincorporated Snohomish County. After discussion, Councilmember Martin moved to accept the interlocal as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

*Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management Letter of Support.* Clerk Stowe presented a draft letter from DEM in support of a community wildfire defense grant. Councilmember Russell moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element Review.* This draft is for discussion only with no action at this time. Each element will be reviewed and then action will be taken on the Plan as a whole. There was discussion around figures in tables, typographical errors, new wording vs. original wording, septic systems from the Housing Action Plan, wording in the section on goals, policies vs. procedures, community involvement, how often the Plan can be amended, and alternative affordable technologies that might replace septic systems. Discussion then moved away from the Element review and continued around broader topics.

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

Mayor Yarbrough will miss the October 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Councilmember Lie talked about a poster presented to the City.

Councilmember Russell talked about a veteran's outreach project in Everett on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Phillips will miss the next meeting. Councilmember Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Phillip's absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

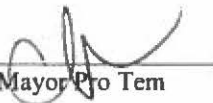
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37052 through 37092 with \$31,391.02 for claims and \$45,144.70 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$76,535.72 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

  
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Chuck Lie, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

# City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 19, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Lie moved to adopt the agenda as amended to add a check to the vouchers and to add a presentation on Gateway Park sign work, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended a meeting with Representative Kim Schrier and representatives from the Department of Natural Resources and the Forest Service for the one-year anniversary of the Bolt Creek fire. During that meeting the Forest Service said fines for illegal fires are set by Congress. The fines are anticipated to increase from \$125 to \$1,000. He also attended a Department of Emergency Management open house. The mayor met with the Miracle Food Network. The group has received a Department of Ecology grant to pay for a more permanent space in Gold Bar. Mayor Yarbrough asked the Council to let him know if they are aware of any availabilities. On a final note, he talked with the PUD about partnering on a grant for electric charging stations.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen addressed enforcement on illegal ATV use, traffic enforcement, and the veteran's outreach. Councilmember Russell asked him about at the previous meeting.

Director Norris gave an update on the Linda Avenue project. He also talked about the donation of used power poles being used as borders to keep people from driving on grass. Councilmember Lie asked him about items people leave in the street right-of-ways and the cost of disposal to the city. This led to discussion around staff time taken up with the junk and how to regulate that with still allowing people to leave free items on their private property. Councilmember Sears questioned whether it would be possible to utilize fines for things left on city property.

Councilmember Lie asked Director Norris about hydrants that were out of service. Director Norris said no hydrants are out of service. There is a particular type of hydrant used for mains rather than fire suppression and they are locked for use by the fire department, not out of service.

Councilmember Russell asked about the quality of parts being used in the Linda Avenue project and there was brief discussion.

Director Norris then finished his staff report by talking about the Park Element draft for the Comprehensive Plan and asked Council to review it prior to the next meeting, where there will be two elements to review. He reminded

the Council that the Comprehensive Plan is an umbrella under which policies come from. As an example, the Plan would say that there is a need for safe pedestrian traffic rather than a crosswalk that will be installed in a specific area.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears welcomed Chief Whalen. He also apologized for missing the previous meeting. Councilmember Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Sears' absence and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow, ATV updates, bicycles, and the good attendance of the current council.

Councilmember Martin talked about the continuing risk of fire.

Councilmember Russell thanked Chief Whalen for his assistance with the veteran's event.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS - none**

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Gateway Sign Presentation.* The Council was asked to review three samples of artwork for the Gateway sign that is being restored. There was brief discussion around the sign, materials used, and if donations could be accepted for the work. The Council consensus was to use the third sample that includes a sun.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Accessory Dwelling Units.* House Bill 1337 was passed in May and now requires accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to be included in comprehensive plans and city municipal codes. The deadline to have new codes in place is December, 2024. There are conditions that need to be met. Recreational vehicles (RVs) are not considered ADUs. There was a great deal of discussion, including septic requirements, size, if they could be used for short-term rentals (no), and what current codes allow regarding RVs. Discussion then segued off onto other topics such as a current RV moved temporarily because of Linda Avenue work, when municipal code allows temporary living in a RV, enforcement issues, and permits.

Councilmember Sears moved to allow a resident to comment and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion passed. The resident asked about septic systems and drainfields relating to ADUs and was told he should contact the Health District.

*Ordinance #770, Abandoned Buildings.* Clerk Stowe presented a draft ordinance in order to begin discussion on regulating abandoned buildings. There was discussion around inspections, timelines, the definitions, penalties, offering a one-year grace period, current nuisance laws, and how to prove if a place is abandoned. After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #770 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

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

Councilmember Sears asked if there had been any changes to the volunteer sign-up list and Joe Beavers said he would get a copy to Councilmember Sears.

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 37093 through 37111 with \$525,724.16 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$526,924.16 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 7:59 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrong, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

September 8, 2023

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# City of Gold Bar

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107 - 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 3, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

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

### STAFF REPORT

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

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

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

### CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

### CONTINUED BUSINESS

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

### NEW BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilmember Sears was pleased with the things the Council passed.

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

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

Mayor Yarbrough reminded everyone of the upcoming emergency broadcast test.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

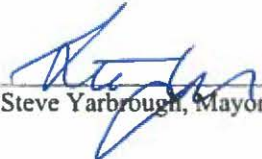
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37112 through 37148 with \$240,798.64 for claims and \$47,456.20 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$288,254.84 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer



# City of Gold Bar

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

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

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

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No Mayor's Report.

### **STAFF REPORT**

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

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

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

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

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

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears had no comment.

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

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

Councilmembers Phillips had no comment.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS - none**

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilmember Lie stated that he had donated blood.

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

Councilmember Phillips had no comments.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

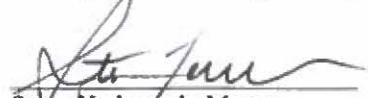
Councilmember Russell moved to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor  
Denise Beaston, Office Manager

## Sign-in Sheet

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# City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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

# City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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**

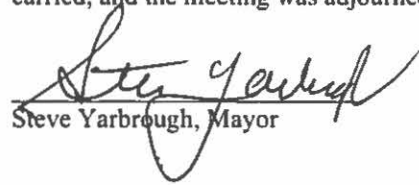
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

#### 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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**November 21, 2023**

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# City of Gold Bar

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## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 5, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough has had daily meetings with the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) regarding the weather and flooding. He shared a drone photo of Wallace River. On the 29<sup>th</sup> he attended an exercise with DEM and other agencies regarding bridges in the state and the effect an earthquake would have on them. The takeaway was to be prepared as there would be slow responses in this area. He also talked about low voter turnout, especially in odd-numbered years, and recent legislation regarding elections in even-numbered years. He suggested that the Council consider an advisory group next year as a way to better engage the public's thoughts on this.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen briefly reviewed the Sheriff report and statistics. The annual Shop with a Cop was held and eighteen students from the Gold Bar/Sultan region attended.

Councilmember Lie asked about bills the city pays for those in jail. Chief Whalen said if someone is arrested in city limits, the city gets billed, and those bills are reviewed prior to payment.

Director Norris received approval for two grants from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). One is for an overlay project for 9<sup>th</sup> Street, from Linda Avenue to the highway. The second is for a seal coat for Smeltzer, Prospector, and Verlinde. These will take place next summer. The city cost for both will be \$17,000, which is already part of the 2024 budget. Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the TIB grant documents and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried.

Director Norris talked about the work done on well 4, which isn't complete as the company is waiting on a flush pump. Because of this the company has not yet billed the city for the work and that money will end up coming out of the 2024 budget. There was brief discussion.

Councilmember Lie asked about street striping in the budget BARS codes and there was brief discussion.

Office Manager Beaston has a dog in impound, and also said that bills regarding jail services are reviewed by both Clerk Stowe and Chief Whalen prior to being paid.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears cautioned people to be safe because of flooding. He also reminded those attending the meeting via Zoom how to be recognized if they wish to speak during the citizen comment section.

Councilmember Lie talked about a newspaper article on highway 2 traffic, and a past issue with chlorinating water in a Home Owners Association where he used to live.

Councilmember Martin talked about a recreation meeting she attended and an outdoor access plan created by the Department of Natural Resources. She also talked about water and flooding issues and the dangers of driving through high water.

Councilmember Russell said he echoed Councilmember Martin's comments about safety during flood events. He also said he has signed up for an upcoming elected officials training.

Councilmember Phillips will miss the next meeting. Councilmember Sears moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips from the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and with a second by Councilmember Lie the motion carried, with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about the costs of sewer upgrades, the sewer process, and requirements for installation.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:26 pm and briefly reviewed the procedures for the hearing. The applicable agenda was the 2024 budget. No councilmember had any reason to recuse themselves from the hearing.

Clerk Stowe reviewed the final budget attachment. There was brief discussion about the bill for well 4 work and revenue.

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 7:32 pm and the council returned to the regular agenda.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

*Housing Element.* There was a great deal of discussion around the Housing Element. After discussion there was a consensus by the Council that this draft was ready to be compiled into a final comprehensive plan draft that will be reviewed by the public prior to finalizing.

*Ordinance #773 Amending the 2023 Budget.* Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #773 for a second reading and adoption as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #774 Adopting the 2024 Budget.* Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #774 for a second reading and adoption as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

*Department of Emergency Management Interlocal.* The annual interlocal was presented with inserted comments showing changes from the previous interlocal. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the mayor to sign the DEM interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

*Ordinance #775 Amending Title 1.* This ordinance creates a new chapter relating to code enforcement and revises a current chapter relating to general penalties. There was discussion around the history of code enforcement, staff responsibilities, if legal review would be needed, and that staff currently already do most of this work. After discussion the council consensus was that no legal review was needed. Councilmember Phillips moved to accept Ordinance #775 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Lie the motion carried.

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

Councilmember Lie talked about the upcoming Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and the number of overdoses per day county-wide.

Councilmember Martin reminded people to not drive in floodwaters.

Councilmember Russell also reminded people to be careful and also talked about overdoses.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for being late and thanked those citizens that came to the meeting.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

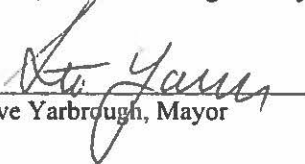
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37253 through 37279 with \$8,104.13 for claims and \$44,027.61 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$52,131.74 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 8:11 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer



# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 19, 2023

### **CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

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

### **OATHS OF OFFICE**

Clerk Stowe administered oaths of office to returning councilmembers Lie, Russell, and Sears.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Yarbrough welcomed people to the last meeting of 2023 and wished everyone a merry Christmas. He spoke briefly about being halfway through his term and the upcoming audit.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Chief Whalen met with attorney Julia Hartnell, the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Snohomish County and liaison with Gold Bar. Ms. Hartnell met staff and Chief Whalen said it was a good opportunity to go over needs specific to Gold Bar.

Director Norris said staff rebuilt the old snowplow and it's ready for use. Half the stormwater basins have been cleaned. The final forest practice application has been approved for tree removal by the Department of Natural Resources for the Fall View plat. The new street sweeper has been ordered and should come in January. Comp plan elements have been compiled into one document and the council will have it soon for review. Councilmember Lie asked to have a Green River Ordinance sign rotated for visibility.

Mayor Yarbrough reminded people attending via Zoom how to comment during the public comment section.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sears wished everyone a merry Christmas and said he will be absent from the next meeting. Councilmember Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Sears and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Sears abstaining.

Councilmember Lie talked about drain field stewardship, old health violations, continuing to keep up on permitting, a Forks of the Sky cleanup of a homeless camp, Wallace Falls State park, the most recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting, and agendas and minutes on the city website.

Councilmember Martin wished everyone a merry Christmas and reminded them to stay safe while driving.

Councilmember Russell said he echoed Councilmember Martin's comments about holiday wishes and staying safe.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS - none**

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Ordinance #775 Amending Title 1.* This ordinance relates to code enforcement and revises a current chapter relating to general penalties. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #775 for a second reading and adoption as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*January Public Meetings.* There will be public meetings in January seeking public engagement and comments on the comprehensive plan update, a public hearing on the fee schedule, and a public hearing relating to a public use permit application. That application will go before the hearing examiner on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Comments can be received in writing up until December 29<sup>th</sup> and then can be received in person at the meeting, which will be held in hybrid format. There was brief discussion around trailers currently on the lots in question.

*IT Position.* Mayor Pro-Tem Lie took over the meeting at this point in the agenda. Clerk Stowe said Requests for Qualifications had been sent out two months ago for this position but only Steve Yarbrough with Gold Bar Geek responded. After brief discussion, Councilmember Martin moved to authorize Mayor Pro-Tem Lie to sign the contract with Gold Bar Geek and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried. Mayor Yarbrough then returned to the normal agenda.

*Comprehensive Plan Grant.* The interlocal for the second half of the grant updating the comp plan was presented. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into this grant and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

*Comprehensive Plan Survey Results.* There was discussion around the survey results as well as what the next steps in the process will be. After discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to release the survey results as part of the comprehensive plan and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

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

Councilmember Sears thanked citizens for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Lie talked about the city of Monroe abolishing dog licenses and there was brief discussion around this.

Councilmember Martin also commented on Monroe's decision.

Councilmember Russell talked about holiday decorations in the city and recommended people look at a place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

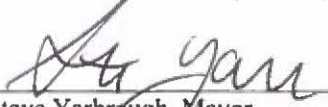
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37280 through 37306 with \$535,189.50 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$536,389.50 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 7:37 pm.

  
Steve Yarbrough, Mayor  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

## Gold Bar Council Meeting

**December 19, 2023**

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