

# 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, February 6, 2024

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

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to adopt the agenda as amended to correct voucher amounts and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough the possibility of the city assisting the Startup Water District similar to how the city assists Big Bend. He said the city has received a conditional use application for a short-term rental and the hearing for that application will be March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the City Hall, and by Zoom. He will be speaking at the Sky Valley Chamber State of the Cities on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and that on the 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a community awards ceremony.

On behalf of Director Norris, Mayor Yarbrough presented an annual report from the city's Hearing Examiner, John Galt. Mr. Galt had only one hearing for the city in the past year, relating to the Fall View Plat.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen said January was a busy month, and reviewed statistics for traffic stops and citations. He talked about upcoming staffing changes, three Gold Bar deputies that will be receiving awards, and changes to prosecuting crimes.

Office Manager Beaston reminded people to license their dogs, and to contact her if they had broken water pipes during the recent cold weather. Councilmember Martin asked if a date had been set for an Easter egg hunt, but since this is not a city event, Office Manager Beaston did not have any information. She said it is typically held the Saturday before Easter but didn't know this year.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears hopes everyone stays healthy.

Councilmember Lie talked about being a purple heart community, the importance of supporting schools, a recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting, housing for the homeless in urban and suburban areas, and ATVs.

Councilmember Martin talked about a recreation committee meeting, and upcoming events.

Councilmember Russell talked about funding for schools.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for being a little late.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Beavers talked about citations, infractions, grant coordination, maintenance hiring, and DOT crosswalks.

**AUDIT ENTRANCE CONFERENCE**

Kristina Baylor and Irina Frolova presented an overview of audit procedures for accountability and financial audits. This included resources for governing bodies, levels of reporting, confidentiality, costs, dispute processes, loss reporting, and who audits the auditors. There was brief discussion.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS - none**

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Sears thanked the auditors for their presentation, and also thanked those who attended the meeting.

Councilmember Russell also reminded people to take care of themselves.

Councilmember Phillips thanked the auditors for their work and thanked those who attended.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

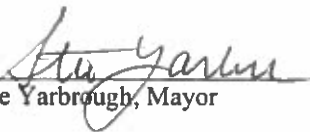
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37378 through 37429 with \$278,763.57 for claims and \$47,492.52 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$326,256.09 and with a second by both Councilmembers Sears and Russell, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

