

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 3, 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, Russell, and Sears. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Phillips and Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

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 updated the council on progress with the pre-application for a recreational facility grant. There was brief discussion which led to brief discussion around the proposed Department of Transportation Highway 2 crosswalk. Councilmember Lie asked about a Department of Emergency Management meeting which the mayor was unable to attend.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls for the month of February and updated the council on a pilot program for lower-level crimes and social services available on a part-time basis.

Director Norris updated the Council on the comprehensive plan draft. He also said there will be a public hearing on March 6th at 6:00 regarding a short-term rental. Exhibits are on the city website. The hearing can be attended in person or through Zoom. There was brief discussion. Councilmember Lie then asked about a program the city was going to be involved in that would have brought in an intern for grant purposes. The city was unable to do that but will be on the list for the next cycle.

Clerk Stowe let the council know that the audit exit conference will be during the next meeting on the 19th.

Office Manager Beaston said dog licenses will now have late fees applied and that utility billing will be going out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears reminded the council that the presidential primary will be on the 12th.

Councilmember Lie talked about an upcoming meeting on housing, Snohomish County Tomorrow, transportation, and that it is moving into ATV season. He also talked about how well a stormwater catch-basin was working and commended the mayor and staff.

Councilmember Martin expressed her condolences to Chief Whalen on the recent death of Washington State Trooper Christopher Gadd.

Councilmember Russell echoed the condolences and talked about positive interactions he has had with troopers. He also talked about the comprehensive plan draft and recommended that the public should read it and that Office Manager Beaston had reflective tape available at the city hall for people who are out after dark.

Councilmember Phillips also echoed the condolences for Trooper Gadd, and talked about water service and potential opportunities to shadow staff and see how infrastructure works.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Richard Kinnison offered his condolences and talked about getting a city sign finished and plans for Gold Dust Days.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

REET Grant Interlocal. Clerk Stowe presented an interlocal for a grant from Snohomish County utilizing real estate and excise taxes for the paving of a portion of Linda Avenue. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears asked for an update on the new federal requirements for water lines and there was brief discussion.

Councilmember Russell condemned social media attacks on those present and said people should look at what's actually going on and how hard staff work.

Councilmember Phillips asked about candy donations for the upcoming Red Hat annual egg hunt. Councilmember Martin said donations would be accepted through March 29th.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 20th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37457 through 37489 with \$27,786.80 for claims and \$46,249.39 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$74,036.19 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 7:42 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer