

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 20, 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 and Martin. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Phillips, Russell, and Sears 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 both Councilmembers Sears and Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about an outdoor athletic facility grant the city is looking at, an upcoming Department of Emergency Management meeting for senior officials, and community volunteer awards. Curtis Kimble was awarded a certificate for work on the Wayside Chapel.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen talked about the motor unit for traffic control, that twenty infractions were written in a two-hour period on Croft Avenue, a new program for crisis co-responders, and the current crisis co-responder that will have two nights a week in Sultan. Councilmember Lie asked about Index Galena Road and there was brief discussion.

Director Norris has been asked for a letter in support of a new roundabout in Sultan. The consensus of the Council was to approve this letter. Director Norris said staff have been using the new streetsweeper and it is working well. He also talked about the new federal requirement for doing an inventory on water system lines. This will be a huge project and residents may have city staff coming to their homes to ask about pipes. Councilmember Russell said he has heard compliments about the streetsweeper and how easy city staff are to work with.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears is excited to see how the new program with crisis responders goes.

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting changes and that the upcoming meeting will be addressing Sound Transit and a growth monitoring report. He also talked about Wallace Falls and parking during construction.

Councilmember Martin talked about cold weather shelters in Monroe, using community transit to reach them, and that they are available until March.

Councilmember Russell attended a recent Block Watch meeting.

Councilmember Phillips asked about issues with water pressure. There was discussion about high pressure valves, what triggers them, and an upcoming test. He asked her to call him if there if the issue happens again.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clerk Stowe reviewed the public comment process.

Curtis Kimble talked about the Block Watch group and plans they hope to accomplish. He also said they are applying for non-profit status. Councilmember Lie asked if the meetings could be live on social media or in real time and Mr. Kimble said he would make sure that happened. Mr. Kimble talked about donations for holiday gifts. Councilmember Martin reminded him that the fire department also does this, and Mayor Yarbrough reminded him that the Sheriff's Department and the organization Sky Valley Strong do the same.

Mayor Yarbrough presented Mr. Kimble with his community award certificate.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:35 pm and reviewed the process for the hearing. No councilmember had any reason to be recused from the meeting, no ex parte issues, and no appearance of fairness issues. The applicable agenda was review of the comprehensive plan draft.

Comments from Councilmember Lie were reviewed. There were comments from Julia Palekha, Shera Ball, and Kara Bensley regarding community gathering spaces, roundabouts, crosswalks, picnic areas, and sewer systems and the impact of that on infrastructure.

Director Norris will review all comments. The current draft has gone out to agencies for review. After all comments are addressed, the final draft will be made publicly available in April and then submitted in May.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing. With a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried and the regular agenda was returned to at 7:50 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Everett Animal Shelter Interlocal. Clerk Stowe presented the annual interlocal. Councilmember Martin moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried.

Resolution 24-01, LGIP Authorization. Clerk Stowe reviewed the Local Government Investment Pool and resolution relating to authorizing the clerk to make deposits and withdrawals. Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Resolution 24-01 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Yarbrough spoke briefly about the Department of Transportation (DOT) proposed crosswalk and there was brief discussion about the need to have DOT attend a council meeting and speak to staff directly. Councilmembers Lie, Russell, and Sears expressed concerns about the crosswalk and the need to have more details. DOT has shared plans previously.

Councilmember Martin said the Red Hats organization will be sponsoring an egg hunt and accepting donations.

Councilmember Phillips talked about the Block Watch group, and the possibility of using the council chambers for public use. Mayor Yarbrough said the chambers are available but if it is used after business hours then staff must work.

MINUTES APPROVAL

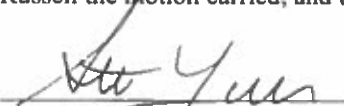
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 6th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37430 through 37456 with \$58,949.87 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$60,149.87 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 Phillips and Russell the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.






Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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Printed Name	Signature	Resident Y/N (optional)
Julia Palekha		Y
Shera Ball		
John Ball		Y

