

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 2, 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. Councilmember Phillips attended via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about the successful egg hunt put on by the Red Hats. He also said he drove Index-Galena Road to see the repairs and thanked Clerk Stowe for her work on that while working for Index.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls in Gold Bar and in the region. He also talked about the opening of Index-Galena Road and the impact that will have on deputies. There was discussion around county assistance. Councilmember Lie said a resident told him about a woman walking down the street shouting during the night and asked if that should have been a 911 call. Chief Whalen said yes, and that with a 911 call they would have been able to get help for the woman. Councilmember Russell asked about the ride-along program and Chief Whalen said that is available for the council or the general public.

Clerk Stowe reminded the council to turn in their Department of Retirement Systems forms.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie apologized for missing the recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting. He talked about invitations to become members of the Port of Everett and past port projects. He gave an update on ATVs and talked about short term rentals and the possibility of changing regulations.

Councilmember Martin attended the egg hunt and was amazed at the turnout. She thanked the Red Hat group.

Councilmember Russell talked about the dangers of riding scooters on sidewalks and that it might need to be regulated. He also thanked Clerk Stowe for her work on Index-Galena Road.

Councilmember Phillips talked about Arbor Day and what was needed for the city to become a Tree City. There was brief discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

David Netz talked about parking issues relating to the Wallace Falls State Park. There was brief discussion.

Julia Palekha thanked everyone for all they do for the city.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Department of Corrections Contract. The amendment extends the time of the contract. Councilmember Russell moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the contract and with a second by both Councilmembers Martin and Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie suggested that it might be time for a reminder about ATV regulations to be printed on utility bills.

Councilmember Martin thanked Clerk Stowe for her work on Index-Galena Road. She also talked about the lack of forest service staffing and that impact to Sultan Basin Road.

Councilmember Russell thanked Chief Whalen ahead of time as he said it sounded like the deputies were going to have a busy summer. He also felt the federal government should be involved as well as the county.

Councilmember Phillips wanted to make sure those attending by Zoom had the opportunity to comment.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the March 19th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37515 through 37548 with \$45,565.21 for claims and \$48,449.98 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$94,015.19 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer