

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 19, 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, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Sears and Office Manager Beaton attended via Zoom. Councilmember Phillips was not present.

Councilmember Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips' absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Lie moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include two consultant agreements and a proclamation, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough informed the council that the city did not get the grant for an athletic facility due to grant requirements guaranteeing the land for twenty years. Because the underlying land is owned by the Department of Transportation (DOT), DOT cannot guarantee they may not need the land within that time period. The city may still be able to do the facility but just not with grant funds.

Mayor Yarbrough also spoke briefly about upcoming ordinance work and sign restoration.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen thanked staff and the council for their support in the recent loss of Washington State Trooper Gadd. He also said that two of the four Gold Bar region deputies received awards, addressed the recent drowning at Eagle Falls, and talked about a cougar that attacked a dog near Index. Councilmember Lie asked if parking tickets had been issued the previous weekend at Wallace Falls and there was brief discussion.

Director Norris updated the Council on the Fall View Plat, the approval for the short-term rental, and the comprehensive plan. Councilmember Lie asked if any critical comments were received regarding the comprehensive plan, and there were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears reminded people to not go in the river.

Councilmember Lie talked about the upcoming Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and ATVs in the city. He said it was sad news about the recent drowning and offered condolences to the families.

Councilmember Martin echoed Chief Whalen's concerns. She said that while Eagle Falls is outside of city jurisdiction, people can still be warned.

Councilmember Russell talked about areas that are risky and the need for barriers at Eagle Falls. He also talked about assisting Wild Sky Trails Association with recent trail cleanup.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Curtis Kimble talked about the need for signage at Eagle Falls. He also talked about recent city sign restoration.

Julia Palekha talked about her disappointment in the Hearing Examiner decision. She also talked about the trail cleanup, motorized vehicles on trails, approvals for new neighborhoods, her confusion around why the city did not get the facility grant, and her belief that the city has responsibility to create signage at Eagle Falls. Mayor Yarbrough explained again about DOT's ownership of the land. He also said that the city had attempted to put the facility in the park on 17th Street but received negative comments from those who lived in that area. There was brief discussion around other potential sites.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Exit Conference. Auditors Erika Davies and Irina Frolova presented results from the accountability and financial audits for 2021 and 2022. The packet of materials was sent previously to councilmembers. They reviewed why audits matter, presented the audit results, and let the council know how the report will be published. They also thanked staff for their assistance during the audit process.

Mayor Yarbrough thanked the auditors and also thanked staff for their work and effort in creating clean audits.

Seal Coat Consultant Agreement. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the agreement and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Street Overlay Agreement. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the agreement and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Arbor Day Proclamation. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the proclamation and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about the Wild Sky Trails cleanup and that there is a lot of volunteering going on right now. He hopes people keep up the good work. He also thanked staff for keeping audits boring.

Councilmember Martin thanked staff for the recent audit and also thanked Director Norris for his commitment to efficiency and his expertise.

Councilmember Russell also thanked staff for frugality and said boring audits are good.

MINUTES APPROVAL

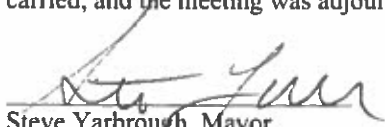
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the March 5th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37490 through 37514 with \$58,395.59 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$59,595.59 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, 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 7:55 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer