

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 16, 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 Public Works Director Norris and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Phillips and Russell attended via Zoom as did Office Manager Beaston. Councilmember Sears was absent and previously excused.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough has been working with staff on the possibility of making amendments to housing regulations, which will be on a future agenda.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris will have the work crew patching streets in the coming days. Staff are currently flushing the water system at night. He spoke briefly about 'forever chemicals' and how the water system tests zero for them.

Councilmember Russell said it's good to see the city being proactive. He asked about mailboxes on 1st Street and there was brief discussion.

Councilmember Lie asked what the work crews were doing for Big Bend, which was installing storm basins. He then asked what services the City did for Skykomish, which include inspections and water system support. He then asked about Startup but the City is not doing anything for them. He then asked about the property at Rico's Pizza. Hearing Examiner Galt approved their variance and they have until June to complete requirements, but have done nothing yet.

Clerk Stowe completed the annual financial report and it was reviewed by Mayor Yarbrough and Director Norris. It will be uploaded to the auditor shortly and is available for review. She is also still waiting for some Department of Retirement Services forms from a few councilmembers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow, affordable housing, zoning, ATVs, the crosswalk that the Department of Transportation will be installing, and a Community Transit meeting attended by Councilmember Martin.

Councilmember Martin talked about the Community Transit meeting and the Recreation meeting she attended.

Councilmember Russell talked about the police presence he's seeing everywhere, and Index Galena Road.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe opened the public hearing at 7:22 pm for the purpose of discussing the comprehensive plan draft and action on the fee schedule amendment. She reviewed the hearing process and no councilmember had any reason to be recused from the hearing.

Director Norris reviewed the draft comprehensive plan that will be sent to the Department of Commerce for comments. Councilmember Russell wanted a word changed and with that made, the Council agreed to submittal.

Clerk Stowe presented Resolution #24-02 amending the fee schedule. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to adopt Resolution #24-02 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

With no further business, Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the hearing was adjourned. The regular agenda was returned to at 7:31 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Tree City Designation. The Council heard a presentation on the requirements of becoming a Tree City, put on by Emily Ellson. There was brief discussion.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about living with trees.

Councilmember Martin talked about the Recreation meeting and said more people are on local trails at the moment because of snow in higher elevations.

Councilmember Russell talked about growing up around trees, World War II, and trees in Korea.

Councilmember Phillips was also in favor of the tree designation.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the April 2nd, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37549 through 37578 with \$62,955.56 for claims and \$2,370.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$65,325.56 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer