

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 7, 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. Present in person were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, and Russell. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Phillips and Sears attended via Zoom as did Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about ordinances he is working on, changes to the dog park, and that there may be a mobile opioid treatment service in Gold Bar. He hopes that this service will help support lives of those in need. Mayor Yarbrough also reminded those present that the discussion by the Department of Transportation (DOT) about crosswalk construction is not a planning session but a time for DOT updates and questions about their process.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, talked about partnership work with the City of Everett, the number of traffic infractions written, the slight uptick in property crimes, and posting the ATV ordinance on the website. He reminded people to be aware of leaving valuables out because of the property crimes. Councilmember Lie asked him about law enforcement services with the Forest Service and there was brief discussion around that.

Director Norris talked about the Fall View Plat, permit progress for Rico's Pizza, the Startup Water District, upcoming staff interviews, upcoming bid openings, Wallace Falls Court, and parking. He also said the City received a Loss Control Grant from AWC and will be purchasing a concrete grinder. Councilmember Lie asked about Rico's, gravel trucks on May Creek Road, and street striping. Councilmember Russell talked about seal coating on 1st Ave. West.

Office Manager Beaston reminded people to be aware of motorcyclists with the warmer weather. She also let people know that long-time resident Dorothy Croshaw had passed away in February and the City had just found out. She said Ms. Croshaw had been a City Councilmember and had been a very active citizen.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked everyone for helping through recent events. He also said with the warmer weather residents may want to join with neighbors in getting septic systems pumped.

Councilmember Lie gave his update on ATVs and dirt bikes.

Councilmember Martin was sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Croshaw, who had been a pillar of the community. Councilmember Martin attended the recent memorial for Bruce Albert, the former mayor of Index. She also reminded people that even though the weather is warming, the local rivers are not.

Councilmember Russell has been looking for snow on trails and talked about avalanche risks. He also talked about potential changes with Boeing and that neighbors may need a helping hand.

Councilmember Phillips will not be at the next meeting. Councilmember Sears moved to excuse the absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Crosswalk Discussion. Representatives from DOT spoke about the upcoming construction of a crosswalk on SR 2. They talked about the background of the project, why the location was chosen, its funding, and an overview of projects in other parts of the SR2 corridor. Discussion included the design, the schedule of construction which will be in early 2025, concerns about turning traffic, roundabouts, lighting, visibility, speed/traffic studies, types of construction, no funding for widening SR2, and grants to study the feasibility of widening SR2. Councilmembers Lie and Russell said they are happy with the project.

Fire Inspection Interlocal. This interlocal updates the term of the interlocal for fire inspections and arson investigations. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the mayor to enter into this interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Russell reminded people to stay out of the rivers.

Councilmember Phillips thanked the Council for excusing her upcoming absence.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the May 6th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37579 through 37612 with \$49,567.84 for claims and \$46,283.45 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$95,851.29 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmembers Russell and Sears both moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

