

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 18, 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 and Martin. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Russell, Phillips, and Sears attended via Zoom as did Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to adopt the agenda as amended to add the Affordable Housing Interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended Community Day at the Gold Bar Elementary school. He also attended a flag raising in Everett for the upcoming June 19th holiday and said it was inspirational. He also said a lot of work still must be done because of the racism and homophobia that still exists. He has an upcoming meeting with the Volunteers of America regarding service in Gold Bar. He thanked Office Manager Beaston for her work getting the full city fee schedule up on the website, and then spoke briefly about a Partnership meeting/training coming up.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen also attended Community Day and spoke briefly about that event. He will be attending the June 19th gathering in Index.

Director Norris will be attending pre-construction meetings for the Transportation Improvement Board projects. He spoke briefly about the Fall View plat process. Councilmember Lie talked to him about the plat, Rico's Pizza status, and recreational vehicles. Director Norris also said he has received no comments from the Department of Commerce about the comprehensive plan update.

Clerk Stowe reminded the council to check their emails as she is still waiting for the return of forms from the Department of Retirement Services.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears talked about the Monroe Pride event and upcoming June 19th events.

Councilmember Lie reviewed ATV activity and asked about potential code violations about a home on 19th Street. Director Norris said the city would be acting on the illegal removal of trees from city property and will be investigating any other potential code violations. Councilmember Lie then talked about upcoming changes to the Heidelberg gravel pit and the impact on traffic, and the upcoming Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting.

Councilmember Martin spoke about the house on 19th street and an upcoming recreational meeting. She also said all rivers are closed to fishing.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the house on 19th Street.

Councilmember Phillips also talked about the house on 19th Street.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Because there were people attending that had not been before, Clerk Stowe reviewed the process for public comment.

Jake Tripp spoke about the house on 19th Street and thanked staff for their work. Chief Whalen said deputies are monitoring the situation but there have been no violations so far. He has reviewed the history of calls in that area. Mr. Tripp asked about 'no parking' signs. There was discussion around public property and public parking vs. private property and parking on private property.

Leigh Anne Barr spoke about 19th Street, the use of the property, and her continued concerns.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

Ordinance #778, Amending Title 2. This ordinance creates a Tree Board. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #778 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmembers Martin, Phillips, and Sears the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Affordable Housing Interlocal. There was brief discussion and then Councilmember Lie moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the Interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Resolution #24-03, Public Records. There was brief discussion around required wording changes as a result of recent legislative updates. Councilmember Lie moved to adopt Resolution #24-03 as presented and with a second by Councilmembers Phillips and Sears, the motion carried.

Resolution #24-04, Council Policies. There was brief discussion around the need to update the policies relating to changes around virtual meetings. Councilmember Sears moved to adopt Resolution #24-04 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears thanked those who attended the council meeting.

Councilmember Lie also appreciated people attending and spoke briefly about code violations.

Councilmember Martin thanked those who attended and spoke about going to an introspective of June 19th.

Councilmember Russell echoed Mayor Yarbrough's comment about overcoming various prejudices in society. He thanked people for attending.

Councilmember Phillips talked to Chief Whalen about public trails, trespass, and 19th Street.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 4th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37675 through 37699 with \$13,145.18 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$135,345.18 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, 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 7:45 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer