

City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 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. Present in person were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, and Russell. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Sears attended via Zoom as did Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to adopt the agenda as amended to add the Affordable Housing Interlocal and with seconds by both Councilmembers Russell and Sears, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about attending the Juneteenth gathering in Index, a meeting with the vice-president of the Volunteers of America, a training with the Department of Emergency Management, a grand opening for a local business, and attending the Index Town Council meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, the types of calls, and traffic enforcement. There was brief discussion around traffic enforcement.

Office Manager Beaston talked about multiple animal control calls which led to brief discussion around the cost of animal control.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about septic pumping, ATV use, Snohomish County Tomorrow meetings, the housing plan, and opioids.

Councilmember Martin talked about 4th of July concerns, the fire district, that the County is at a stage 1 burn ban, and a meeting she and Councilmember Russell attended about a community conversation on youth opioid issues.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the opioid meeting. He talked about opioid use and the stigma on those trying to make changes. He then talked about his ride-along with deputies.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers talked about an upcoming community picnic sponsored by the block watch group.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #779, Business Licensing. After brief discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #779 for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears hoped people have a safe 4th of July and that they stayed out of the rivers.

Councilmember Lie talked about the opioid issue and stigma and thanked Councilmembers Martin and Russell for attending the community conversation.

Councilmember Martin reminded people fireworks are not allowed in city limits.

Councilmember Russell said people need to figure out how to change the conversation around opioid use. He also said very few elected officials go on ride-alongs with deputies.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 18th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37700 through 37740 with \$24,541.98 for claims and \$53,256.37 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$77,798.35 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer