

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 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. 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 Sears moved to adopt the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about an upcoming meeting on potential locations for a mobile opioid treatment center, Department of Ecology upcoming revisions to the Shoreline Master Plan, Gold Dust Day community celebration, and the publication of applications for the newly formed Tree Board. Councilmember Lie asked about the cannery levee on Wallace River and Mayor Yarbrough said it is being monitored.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, the types of calls, and traffic enforcement. He spoke briefly about the 4th of July and fireworks enforcement, a domestic violence call, and calls to Eagle Falls. He also reviewed results from the first traffic enforcement detail, and when the next one will be. National Night Out will be August 6th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, with a parade at 6:30 pm. Councilmember Lie asked about staffing for forest service land and there has been no allocation of funds for this coverage. Councilmember Lie also asked about the budget and extra hours for deputies. Clerk Stowe said that the city budgeted for 32 extra hours for the year.

Director Norris talked about the Department of Commerce comments on the Comprehensive Plan update and the upcoming process for final adoption. Councilmember Lie asked about work on Lewis and 9th Streets, including sidewalks and gaps, which are being upgraded to be compliant as part of the overlay project. He also asked about the RV park at Rico's Pizza.

Clerk Stowe introduced Lance Hunt as the new maintenance employee.

Office Manager Beaston talked about code enforcement and animal control calls.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears welcomed Mr. Hunt and talked about not going to Eagle Falls or building fires. He also asked if there was a cooling station in Gold Bar, which there is not.

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow meetings, how to listen to the meetings, and their upcoming presentation on conservation. He also gave his update on ATVs and rider safety, the housing plan, and opioids.

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Whalen for his help on recent calls and echoed Councilmember Sears regarding Eagle Falls and fires. She said there is a cooling station at the Monroe library.

Councilmember Russell encouraged people to stay away from Eagle Falls and said it is a 'looking place' and not a 'swimming place'.

Councilmember Phillips apologized for her absence at the previous meeting. Councilmember Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips from the July 2nd meeting and with a second by both Councilmembers Russell and Sears, the motion carried with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #779, Business Licensing. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #779 for a second reading and adoption as presented and with a second by both Councilmembers Russell and Sears, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

National Night Out. After brief discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to cancel the Council meeting of August 6th, and with a second by both Councilmembers Russell and Sears, the motion carried.

Resolution #24-05 Amending Council Policies. After brief discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to adopt Resolution #24-05 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Fall View Plat Final Approval. There was discussion around the Fall View project and a review of the Staff report on findings, facts, and conclusions. After discussion Councilmember Sears moved to approve the Fall View Plat and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember asked about the status of a house on 19th Street and there was brief discussion around that. .

Councilmember Martin again reminded people stay out of the water and not to burn.

Councilmember Russell said again that Eagle Falls was for looking and not swimming.

MINUTES APPROVAL

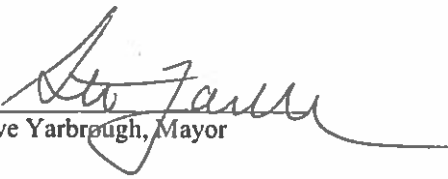
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the July 2nd, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37742 through 37765 with \$14,872.72 for claims and \$2,409.94 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$17,282.66 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmembers Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmembers Phillips and Russell the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

