

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 19, 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 Phillips, Russell, and Sears attended via Zoom.

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 met with the Gold Bar Elementary principal regarding a special education advisory committee. He also met the YMCA staff regarding Point in Time, and will have more information closer to January when they will be looking for volunteers. He then updated the Council on ownership of the Park and Ride and using it for mobile opioid services. There was brief discussion on this update.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen has created a blotter on the city's website. There was brief discussion around this. He also spoke about a burglary at the PUD substation.

Director Norris will hold a public hearing on the 26th for a variance on setbacks. He talked about recent work on a storm drain and thanked the Council for giving staff the tools they needed that allowed the work to be done by staff.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears talked about the recent opening of a new local business, and reminded people to be safe during the upcoming storm.

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow meetings and his work volunteering for elections and counting ballots.

Councilmember Martin said she is impressed with the work city staff do.

Councilmember Russell talked about a recent hike he went on and also mentioned people in his neighborhood are having packages stolen.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:19 pm with an applicable agenda being Ordinance #781 relating to the 2025 budget. She briefly reviewed the public hearing process and no councilmember had any reason to recuse themselves from the hearing.

Ordinance #781 relating to the 2025 budget was presented. After brief discussion, Councilmember Phillips moved to accept the ordinance for a second reading and adoption as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Councilmember Sears then moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. The regular agenda was returned to at 7:22 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #782 Amending the 2024 Budget. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #782 for a second reading and adoption as presented and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #777, Comprehensive Plan. Director Norris reviewed minor changes recommended by the Department of Commerce. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #777 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. Clerk Stowe thanked Director Norris for all his work on the plan.

DEM Interlocal. Clerk Stowe reviewed changes between this interlocal and the previous one and there was brief discussion. Councilmember Russell moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie thanked staff for the smooth audit process, with no friction for the city.

Councilmember Martin talked about emergency preparedness.

Councilmember Russell thanked staff for making the city look good.

Councilmember Phillips also thanked staff, and was glad the city was able to do the work themselves.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the November 5th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, with Councilmember Lie abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38005 through 38042 with \$27,177.86 for claims and \$8,842.76 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$36,020.62 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Steve Yarborough, Mayor

Denise Beaston, Office Manager