

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 17, 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 Martin moved to adopt the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended a special education advisory committee to help identify priorities for special education. Councilmember Lie asked for an update on the opioid van. The City is waiting for the agency to respond regarding the agreement. Councilmember Russell asked if the City owned the park and ride, which it does.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen talked about the prosecutor's office being fully staffed again which should help a backlog of cases, new cameras in Sultan, an incident on May Lane, thefts of packages, and a recent residential burglary. He asked people to contact the department if they have any thefts of packages. There was brief discussion around the prosecutor's office and cases being prosecuted, and traffic cameras.

Director Norris updated the Council on the watermain repair on Reiner Road and the work still to be completed there, the Fall View plat, and radar signs on May Creek Road. There was brief discussion around community transit.

Office Manager Beaston reminded people that dog licenses are due by January 31st and that people can check the city website for the sheriff blotter.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears wished everyone a good holiday season.

Councilmember Lie spoke briefly about Snohomish County Tomorrow.

Councilmember Martin attended the recreation coalition meeting and talked about progress on clearing the Wallace Falls trail.

Councilmember Russell wished everyone a wonderful and safe holiday, and spoke about the fire department response to a recent fire.

Councilmember Phillips also wished everyone a happy holiday season.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Information Technology Agreement. Clerk Stowe asked Mayor Pro-Tem Lie to take over the meeting at this point of the agenda, which he did. After brief discussion Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the Mayor Pro-Tem to enter into the IT Interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. Clerk Stowe then asked Mayor Yarbrough to take over the remainder of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

May Creek Road Traffic. There was a great deal of discussion around traffic issues on May Creek Road, the city in general, and along Highway 2. Discussion points included where cameras can legally be installed, speed bumps, stop signs, speed tables, speed humps with crosswalks, the big increase in noise when drivers speed away from speed bumps, the need for traffic counts, which method is better financially, what is the best use of deputy hours, ways to be proactive rather than reactive, signage and visibility, the need to gather more data, the State Patrol, and that solutions will be different on the highway than on city streets. After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to place this topic on the agenda for the mid-January meeting.

Councilmember Lie moved to allow comment on this agenda item by citizens and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Phil Peksanli and Emily Eilson both spoke about the dangers of traffic on May Creek Road and potential solutions. Clerk Stowe reminded those present of the citizen comment process.

Resolution #24-09, Debit and Credit Card Authorization. This resolution addresses the state auditor recommendations to change from a debit card to a credit card, revisions needed to use credit cards, and the closure of the debit card account. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution #24-09 and with a second by Councilmembers Russell and Phillips, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears again wished people a merry Christmas.

Councilmember Lie talked volunteer work going on at Wallace Falls State Park clearing storm debris and questioned the impact of clear cut logging. He also suggested installing signs for high pedestrian traffic in that area, and the possibility of partnering with Snohomish County for sidewalks. He also wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilmember Martin thanked Councilmember Russell for his comments on the fire department and wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilmember Phillips thanked those who came to the meeting, both in person and via Zoom, shared her concerns about traffic, and wished everyone happy holidays.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the December 3rd, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmembers Russell and Phillips, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38078 through 38097 with \$50,481.13 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$51,681.13 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer