

# City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 3, 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 Russell. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Martin, 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 spoke briefly about attending the opening ceremony for the Evergreen State Fair.

### STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, recent work by the Violent Offenders Task Force, and recent traffic details. Councilmember Lie asked about the closing of Gunn Road to through-traffic, which is being worked on. Councilmember Russell asked about traffic on Index-Galena Road.

Director Norris has approved the first building plan for the Fall View plat and said eleven more have been submitted. There was discussion around plan review, paving and stormwater in Fall View, inmate crew jobs, upcoming work on a watermain break in Skykomish, updates on construction for a house that burned, and updates on the resurfacing project.

Clerk Stowe asked the Council to give her any budget requests. The 2023 audit cycle has started and there was discussion around the entrance conference and risk assessment. Councilmember Sears moved to hold the entrance conference with the mayor and one councilmember rather than during a council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips, the motion carried. Councilmember Russell volunteered to do the risk assessment.

Office Manager Beaston spoke briefly about animal control.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears reminded people to drive safely now that schools have started, and to stay healthy.

Councilmember Lie updated the Council on Snohomish County Tomorrow and potential changes to gas taxes and the Health Department's septic tank program. He also talked about recreational vehicle regulations and the need to either amend regulations to match what the city needs in light of the housing crisis or begin enforcing existing regulations. He does not want to see people homeless, but regulations need to reflect what the city needs and wants.

Councilmember Martin reminded people of burn bans.

Councilmember Russell thanked volunteers and the fire department for signage at Eagle Falls.

Councilmember Phillips also commented on the Eagle Falls signage.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - none**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS - none**

**FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - none**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 37835 through 37865 with \$48,988.92 for claims and \$51,381.02 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$100,369.94 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmembers Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Phillips the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

  
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Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

  
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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer