

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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 Craig, Lie, Martin, and Sears. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Councilmember Russell and Office Manager Beaston 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 updated the council on the start date and open house for the new treatment van, which will operate Mondays through Thursdays from 6:30 – 10:30 am. He also said the wildfire Protection Plan is open for public comment and information is on the Gold Bar Facebook page. The draft Community Transit plan has been forwarded to the council. There was brief discussion regarding federal funding.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen talked about calls in the city and region, traffic enforcement, the Department of Emergency Management, reverse 911 and land lines, how to sign up for Snohomish County alerts, and that information is on business cards at the city hall. There was brief discussion around specific areas of the city and patrols.

Director Norris updated the Council on the Orchard Avenue project, the potential for cloudy water from construction vibration because new lines are not active yet, and thanked John Beaston for a donation of tools and office equipment. He also talked about hot weather and the impact on Prospector Lane where heat is softening the seal coat that was done. He is not sure yet what the solution to that will be. The highway crosswalk that will be installed in 2026 will have a pedestrian-activated flashing beacon. He may possibly miss the next meeting. There was brief discussion around upcoming repairs to well four.

Office Manager Beaston said utility bills will go out July 8th. She reminded people to call city hall with issues rather than posting them on social media. Contact information is on the city website.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears reminded people about fireworks being illegal in city limits.

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow's recent meeting, mowing in alleys, and the County bridge at 399th.

Councilmember Martin talked about dry conditions and fire danger, illegal fireworks, and the tragedy in Idaho with first responder deaths.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the County bridge and graffiti and bear activity at that bridge.

Councilmember Craig thanked staff for fast responses, reminded people to call the non-emergency number rather than 911 to report fireworks, and said members of the fire academy had graduated. She also said the Sultan Shindig is in need of volunteers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #783, Assessments. Ordinance #783 was presented for a second reading and action. After brief discussion of amendments, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #783 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WSDOT Joint Operations Agreement. This agreement relates to virtual coordination. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the agreement and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears said June 26th was National Toothbrush Day and reminded people of the importance of oral hygiene.

Councilmember Lie talked about Mooring Park, a conversation with a resident regarding the park, and park playground equipment. He suggested an ad hoc group to work on issues with the park.

Councilmember Martin talked about using gray water to water plants and help with water conservation.

Councilmember Craig also spoke briefly about Mooring Park.

Councilmember Russell talked about being supportive of people trying to quit addictions in the community.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 17th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmembers Martin and Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38497 through 38535 with \$22,695.29 for claims and \$56,608.61 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$79,303.9 and with a second by Councilmembers Craig and Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer