

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 15, 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 Russell. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom. Councilmember Sears was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Russell moved to adopt the agenda as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough let people know that staff member Tim Shiers passed away July 4th. A Celebration of Life was held and a sympathy card is available for councilmembers and staff to sign. Tim was overseeing the Orchard Avenue project and Director Norris canceled his vacation to help with the project.

Mayor Yarbrough also said the opioid van is having more mechanical issues. Councilmember Lie asked if there was an update on the marijuana grow businesses and the smell. Director Norris is trying to coordinate a meeting that includes Puget Sound Clean Air and the fire marshall.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen said that Deputy Gallena will be returning to the Gold Bar region. Chief Whalen is working on planning for National Night Out on August 5th. There was brief discussion around the parade. Councilmember Lie asked about deputies responding to ordinance complaints. Those typically include things such as animal control, trash, nuisances, etc.

Director Norris showed the council a water stand that will be purchased to replace water pipe in the dog park. That water pipe has been repeatedly vandalized and water is off because of that. The consensus of the council was to go ahead with the purchase.

Director Norris showed the council diagrams for speed tables. Lakeside Construction will be doing the Orchard Avenue overlay and will be able to do the speed tables while they have equipment in the city. This will lower the price from a quote of \$35,000 to roughly \$18,000. There was discussion around this, including what was included, and the potential need for a budget amendment.

Director Norris gave updates on radar signs and Orchard Avenue.

Well 4 and the issues with its pump was discussed at length. Director Norris presented a proposal to change the system because of repeated repairs in the past. Discussion included a submersible pump, changes to horsepower,

savings in electricity, sediment levels, options and costs, reliability of the new system. After discussion, the council consensus was in favor of the changes.

Clerk Stowe reminded councilmembers to look at their monthly budget reports as the current one shows mid-year figures.

Office Manager Beaston reminded councilmembers of upcoming events including National Night Out, Gold Dust Day, and the Index Arts Festival.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow and ATVs.

Councilmember Martin talked about dry conditions and fire danger.

Councilmember Russell talked about Eagle Falls and the importance of wearing bike helmets.

Councilmember Craig talked about the current red flag warning in effect.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Department of Emergency Management Presentation. Jarrod Dibble gave a presentation on DEM with information on the Snohomish County Alert system. There was discussion around how the system works, how to sign up for it, reverse 911, the importance of these systems because of the lack of landlines in homes, disseminating this information, and help for those having problems signing up.

National Night Out. Because National Night Out falls on the same day as the council meeting, the council typically cancels or reschedules the meeting. Councilmember Lie moved to cancel the August 5th council meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about canceling council meetings, Sultan council meetings, and Sultan's rate of pay for councilmembers.

Councilmember Russell talked how nice it is to live in a small community and thanked Chief Whalen for the help he recently gave a person.

Councilmember Craig also thanked Chief Whalen.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Russell moved to approve the July 1st, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL


Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38536 through 38560 with \$542,023.39 for claims and \$2,697.12 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$544,720.51 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lie moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

