

<div>Agenda</div>		<div>CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, September 16, 2025 7:00 PM CITY HALL</div>	
CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL			
AGENDA APPROVAL			
MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS			
CITIZEN COMMENTS (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)			
CONTINUED BUSINESS			
1. ORDINANCE #785 AMENDING TITLE 12 – SECOND READING AND ACTION			
NEW BUSINESS - none			
FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS			
MINUTES APPROVAL		September 2, 2025	
VOUCHER APPROVAL			
CHECKS	CLAIMS	PAYROLL & TAXES	TOTAL
38653 - 38678	\$156,993.75	\$1000.00	\$157,993.75
ADJOURNMENT			

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #785**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON AMENDING GOLD BAR
MUNICIPAL CODE TITLES 8 AND 12, RELATING TO LITTER AND SIDEWALK
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35A.11.020 and 35.23.440(33) give municipalities broad authority to manage and regulate rights-of ways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar does not have a Street Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, current regulations relating to litter do not comprehensively define debris; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply wording does not include options relating to violations and/or collection of costs incurred outside of a lien process; and

WHEREAS, assessing, serving, and enforcement of violations falls under the purview of the Mayor, Chief of Police, and/or staff as the administration of policy;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS that Gold Bar Municipal Codes shall be amended as follows.

Section I, Title 8.12.040 – Litter Prohibited

Section II, Title 8.12.100 – Sweeping Litter Into Gutter Prohibited

Section III, Title 12.04.020 – Sidewalks in Need of Repair

Section IV, Title 12.04.040 – Failure to Comply

Section V, Title 12.04.050 – Recovery of Cost

Section VI, Severability

Section VII, Effective Date

Section I, Title 8.12.040 – Litter Prohibited

No person shall throw, drip, deposit, discard or otherwise dispose of litter, as that term is defined in RCW ~~70.93.030~~ 70A.200.030 or debris as defined herein, upon any public place in the city or upon any private property not owned by him, or in any waters within the jurisdiction of the city whether from a vehicle or otherwise, including, but not limited to, any sidewalk, street, alley, highway or park, except:

1. When such property is designated by the state or by any of its agencies or the city for disposal of garbage and refuse, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to so use such property; or
2. Into a litter receptacle or other container in such manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried away or deposited by the elements upon any part of the public place or any private property; or

3. When such person is the owner or does have control or custody of the property or unless the act is done under the personal direction of the owner or tenant, and provided the litter will not cause a public nuisance or be in violation of any other state or local laws, rules or regulations.

The definition of litter is expanded to include natural debris, defined for the purpose of this Title, as any deposits of dirt, mud, vegetation, and/or gravel or rock material.

Section II, Title 8.12.100 – Sweeping Litter Into Gutter Prohibited

No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street, alley, stormwater catch-basins, rights-of-way, or other public place the accumulation of litter or debris from any building, or lot, or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalks in front of their premises free of litter.

1. Any person, firm or corporation making any deposits of litter or debris of any nature on the public rights-of-way and any other municipally owned improvements shall clean up said deposits during the course of each day's operation. Adequate equipment shall be available during each day of operation to ensure quick and timely removal of any such deposits. The right-of-way surfaces and all catch basins, culverts, or other municipally owned improvements affected by the deposits shall be cleaned.

2. Any person, firm or corporation causing loose litter or debris to be distributed beyond their property lines by wind or other natural weather event shall retrieve and clean up their litter or debris.

Section III, Title 12.04.020 – Sidewalks in Need of Repair

A. Whenever, in the judgment of the ~~street commissioner~~ Public Works Director, ~~of the city~~ any sidewalk is in need of repair, cleaning, or renewal, ~~as a result of any action caused by the abutting property owner (or tenant), the street commissioner~~ Public Works Director shall serve notice on the owner of the property immediately abutting upon that portion of the sidewalk of the condition thereof, directing the owner to clean, repair, or renew the portion of the sidewalk.

1. Any person, firm or corporation making any deposits of litter or debris of any nature on the public rights-of-way and any other municipally owned improvements shall clean up said deposits during the course of each day's operation. Adequate equipment shall be available during each day of operation to ensure quick and timely removal of any such deposits. The right-of-way surfaces and all catch basins, culverts, or other municipally owned improvements affected by the deposits shall be cleaned.

2. Any person, firm or corporation causing loose litter or debris to be distributed beyond their property lines by wind or other natural weather event shall retrieve and clean up their litter or debris.

B. If, in the opinion of the ~~street commissioner~~ Public Works Director, the sidewalk is in need of immediate repair, cleaning or renewal for the benefit of the public safety or welfare, the street commissioner may order the improvement made within any reasonable time.

Section IV, Title 12.04.040 – Failure to Comply

The notice shall order the owner of the abutting property to clean, repair or renew the sidewalk within ten (10) days after the date of service of such notice upon him, and shall state that ~~in case the owner shall fail to do as ordered within the time specified then the street commissioner will proceed to clean, repair or renew the sidewalk and will report to the city council at its next regular meeting an assessment roll showing the lot or parcel of land immediately abutting on that portion of the sidewalk so improved, the cost of cleaning, repairing or renewal and the name of the owner and the council will hear any or all protests against the proposed assessment. failure to comply will result in the issuance of a violation as detailed in GBMC 1.16.010, a bill for City staff hours, supplies, equipment, and administrative fees relating to work not completed by the owner, and/or a lien upon the property. The notice shall inform the owner of their right to protest the notice. Such protest must be in writing, submitted to the Public Works Director and/or Mayor, and delivered prior to the ten-day deadline to comply.~~

Section V, Title 12.04.050 – Recovery of Cost

~~The city council Public Works Director shall at the time in the notice designated or at an adjourned time assess the cost of the work against the property in accordance with the benefits derived therefrom, which charge shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected by due process of law. have the option, as detailed in GBMC 12.04.040, to assess a violation, invoice the property owner, or lien the property. Invoices must cover full cost of staff time, supplies and equipment used, and an administrative fee.~~

Section VI, Severability

This ordinance is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section VII, Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from, and after, its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council for the City of Gold Bar on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Attest: _____, Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

First Reading: _____

Posted: _____

Second Reading: _____

Passed: _____

City of Gold Bar

EST. 1910



107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 2, 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. Councilmember Sears attended via Zoom. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough reviewed key dates for 2026, and the 250th anniversary of the signing of the constitution and potential city activities. He also said the Heidelberg company will have an open house, and the City will begin the interview process for the open maintenance position. Finally, the Tree Board will be meeting to begin work on a tree ordinance.

Councilmember Lie talked about feral apple trees in the park and that he feels they should be removed to comply with regulations.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen apologized for missing the last meeting and appreciated Deputy Fredrickson filling in for him. He reviewed the number and type of calls for the region during August. There has been an increase in burglaries and he reviewed those investigations. He thanked city staff and outside agencies, including Sky Valley Fire, for assistance with National Night Out. He then reviewed recent search and rescue/recovery calls and issues with door-to-door solicitations. Councilmember Lie asked for more details relating to specific calls and there was brief discussion. Councilmember Russell thanked Chief Whalen and staff for cleaning up the bridge area.

Director Norris talked about issues relating to staff shortage, upcoming schedules for the Orchard Street overlay, and upcoming installations for water in the dog park and new playground equipment. Councilmember Lie asked about a bill for bridge inspection, which is required annually. Councilmember Russell asked about the speed table work, which will happen with the Orchard overlay. Councilmember Lie also talked about the timing for traffic calming devices as part of the Orchard project.

Clerk Stowe was absent but left a staff report relating to other agenda items.

Office Manager Beaston talked about code enforcement reports and there was brief discussion. Councilmember Lie then asked about door-to-door permits and she clarified none have been issued because door-to-door solicitation is not allowed in city limits. A company can have a business license but that does not allow them to do door-to-door solicitation. Councilmember Russell reiterated his comments from the last meeting regarding thanking Denise for her work for the community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about the proposed round-about at Sultan Basin Road, emails he receives relating to truck trains, right-of-way signage issues, and the Heidelberg project and its potential impact on traffic.

Councilmember Martin talked about the current red flag warning for fire danger and upcoming events.

Councilmember Russell talked about messes from ornamental trees.

Councilmember Craig talked about her recent trip to Washington D.C. and topics discussed during that trip, including traffic impacts, forest service staffing, development, federal funding impacts on disaster readiness, and overall takeaways. There was consensus among the councilmembers to allow the sharing of photos from this trip with Councilmember Craig representing the City. Mayor Yarbrough thanked Councilmember Craig for her efforts.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Phil Peksanli talked about recent burglaries and RCWs relating to wheeled vehicles not being allowed inside city buildings.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #25-07, Personnel Manual. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution #25-07 as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Ordinance #785, Amending Title 12. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #785 as amended to correct numbering on the document for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie thanked Mr. Peksanli for his reminder about wheeled vehicles.

Councilmember Martin repeated her comments about the red flag warning.

Councilmember Russell pointed out his wheeled vehicle is a scooter then asked Chief Whalen if he was aware of any direct issues related to the opioid van in the city. Chief Whalen said the uptick in burglaries were related to one person and not the opioid van.

Councilmember Craig talked about an upcoming meeting relating to truck trains and the low number of patients using the opioid treatment van. She feels from past experience that the people using the treatment van are not the people that the city needs to be worried about.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Russell moved to approve the August 19th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38625 through 38652 with \$21,346.62 for claims and \$46,407.07 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$67,753.69 and with a second by Councilmember 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 7:49 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
1622	09/04/2025	Claims	7	38653	US Postal Service	385.63	Utility Bills
1639	09/09/2025	Payroll	7	38654	Richard L Baker	200.00	
1640	09/09/2025	Payroll	7	38655	Denise J Beaston	800.00	
1645	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38656	Barmon Lumber	85.87	
1646	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38657	Citi Cards	5,807.29	
1647	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38658	City Of Gold Bar	606.00	
1648	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38659	Comcast Business	343.60	
1649	09/16/2025	Claims	7	E38660	Dept Of Revenue-Excise Tax	2,553.49	
1650	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38661	Kelley Create	158.76	
1651	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38662	Lowe's Business Account	17.77	
1652	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38663	O'Reilly Automotive, INC	16.34	
1653	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38664	Pacific Power Batteries	463.29	
1654	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38665	Sno County PUD	1,638.15	
1655	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38666	Sno County Public Works Solid Waste	433.00	
1656	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38667	Sno County Public Works	2,717.34	
1657	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38668	US Postal Service	370.00	Annual Permit Fee
1658	09/16/2025	Claims	7	E38669	Us Dept Of Agriculture	73,359.64	
1659	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38670	Utilities Underground	18.90	
1660	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38671	WA State Treasurer	517.02	
1661	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38672	Waste Management	712.99	
1662	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38673	Ziply Fiber	34.91	
1663	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38674	Ziply Fiber	287.15	
1664	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38675	Ziply Fiber	28.73	
1666	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38676	Brim Tractor Company Inc.	49.68	
1667	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38677	Sno County PUD	22,764.20	
1673	09/16/2025	Claims	7	38678	Sno County Sheriff	43,624.00	
001 General Government						47,173.44	
101 City Street						7,536.47	
401 Water Operating						28,431.03	
407 Water Debt Service #3						73,359.64	
415 Stormwater Fund						976.15	
633 Agency Fund						517.02	
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						Claims:	156,993.75
						Payroll:	1,000.00