

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 21, 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, Russell, and Sears. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended the AWC Risk Management conference and received a loss control grant for \$750 that will go toward cyber security. He also attended sessions that AWC hosted for members and has slides from those if anyone is interested. He met with the Department of Licensing regarding a grant for an Electric Vehicle charging station, met with the auditor for a risk assessment review, took a webinar on manufactured housing, and was approached by the City of Sultan for a letter of support regarding stopping school violence. There was brief discussion and the council consensus was in favor of the mayor signing the letter of support.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls and answered questions about bike safety and code enforcement.

Director Norris and staff are working on regular maintenance and preparing for the rainy season. The dog park water fountain is finished. There was brief discussion around ownership of parks, well 4, and the old well pump.

Office Manager Beaston talked about the number of dogs running at large as well as other animal control calls and then talked about areas of standing water after the recent rainstorm.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears apologized for missing the last meeting. He asked about the possibility of hosting a community meeting outside the normal council meeting to talk about the proposed changes to Moring Park. Director Norris will put something together. Councilmember Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Sears' absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Councilmember Lie would like to see a town hall meeting for Moring Park. He talked about his Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and asked about the status on the marijuana businesses. Director Norris said the city has no legal authority on its own to enforce the smell issues and the Puget Sound Clean Air agency has not taken action yet.

Councilmember Martin let the council know when there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new business.

Councilmember Russell visited the new business and talked about the different ways they support local artists.

Councilmember Craig talked about a town hall meeting for the park and budget options for the park. She also asked if the city was prepared for winter and Director Norris said they have sand and sandbags but typically work on the snowplows closer to Thanksgiving. Councilmember Craig reminded people that Daylight Savings Time was approaching. Councilmember Martin said that Councilmember Craig had recently won an award.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #786, Amending Title 12. This ordinance adds a new chapter relating to the Tree Board. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #786 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Ordinance #784, Critical Areas Update. There was brief discussion around minor changes made since the last version to add wording around the definition of professionals. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #784 for a second reading and adoption as amended and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Snohomish County Animal Services Interlocal. This interlocal covers Snohomish County assisting with the transport of dogs. There was discussion around changes from the last version. After discussion, the interlocal will be placed on a future agenda once it is returned by the county with revisions made to remove the wording 'cats and small animals'.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears returned to the subject of holding a town hall meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that this will be on the next agenda to set a date.

Councilmember Lie prefers that plastic sandbags not be used near the river for environmental reasons.

Councilmember Russell reminded people that with seasons changing they needed to go hiking prepared for bad weather.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Russell moved to approve the October 7th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38723 through 38748 with \$326,742.49 for claims and \$2,538.33 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$329,280.82 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 7:47 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer