

City of Gold Bar

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107 - 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 7, 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 Lie and Martin. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Phillips, Russell, 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 welcomed people to 2025 and then spoke briefly about the upcoming State of the City address and the Mayor Pro-Tempore process.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen talked about calls, traffic emphasis, burglary prevention, and a shooting on Croft Avenue. Lieutenant Hess then spoke about a system to identify vehicles and encouraged people to call 911 if needed. Councilmember Lie asked about witnessing speeding and was also encouraged to call.

Director Norris said dog park work is near completion. He also talked about stabilizing a bank on May Creek Road.

Office Manager Beaston said utility bills will be mailed tomorrow.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Lie talked about ATVs and the Old Owen roundabout.

Councilmember Martin said former resident Donna Strom had passed away. She also talked about an upcoming review of the USFS Forest Service Plan.

Councilmember Russell wished everyone a happy new year, spoke about police response, and said he volunteered at Wallace Falls Park for clearing storm damage.

Councilmember Phillips also wished everyone a happy new year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Beavers spoke about city visibility, the need to control traffic, toll roads in the city, and traffic cameras.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mobile Opioid Interlocal. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Animal Control Interlocal. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Snohomish County Drug Task Force Interlocal. The Council approved this interlocal but a revision lowered City cost. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Skykomish Interlocal. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. Councilmember Lie asked if the city was reimbursed for administrative costs, which it is.

Resolution #25-01 Amending the Personnel Manual. After brief discussion around benefits, Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution #25-01 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. Clerk Stowe then realized she had failed to give a draft to city staff. She will do so and may present an amendment.

Community Transit Interlocal. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to enter into the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie will forward an email with information regarding the upcoming USFS Forest Plan meeting.

Councilmember Martin wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Russell welcomed the treatment van services and said it was important to people in recovery. He also wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Phillips also wished everyone a happy new year.

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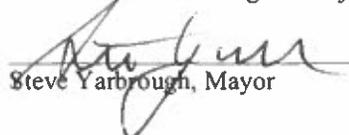
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the December 17th, 2024, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38098 through 38141 with \$27,545.25 for claims and \$54,321.61 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$81,866.86 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 7:40 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 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 Lie, Martin, and Russell. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Phillips and Sears attended via Zoom, as did Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough reviewed several meetings he attended, including the Chamber of Commerce's State of Cities Address, the Skykomish Council meeting, a transportation meeting, and a preparedness workshop with the Department of Emergency Management. There was brief discussion about the transportation meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen talked about locations for two cold weather stations in Monroe and Snohomish and illegal dumping. He then said there would be an upcoming awards ceremony for Deputy Gallina who has been chosen as Deputy of the Year. Chief Whalen will pass on the date of the ceremony once it is confirmed. There was brief discussion around the city blotters and State Patrol traffic emphasis patrols.

Director Norris said the dog park area for small dogs has been completed. He gave an update on the work to be done on Gunn Road and answered Council questions regarding work to be done on May Creek Road to stabilize a bank, and on the stormwater system. There was also brief discussion around a residential property in Creekside.

Clerk Stowe said she had talked to staff regarding the recent update to the Personnel Manual and would have a resolution revising the manual at the next meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears wished Office Manager Beaston a happy birthday.

Councilmember Lie talked about legislative agendas and an upcoming Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting.

Councilmember Martin was proud of Mayor Yarbrough's State of the City address. She also talked about fire department personnel and wished Office Manager Beaston a happy birthday.

Councilmember Russell spoke again about the State Patrol traffic emphasis work.

Councilmember Phillips will not be able to attend the next two council meetings. Councilmember Russell moved to excuse her from the next two meetings and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Phil Peksanli spoke about the upcoming closure of Dorman Road.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Traffic Discussion. Director Norris provided statistics on traffic flow which led to discussion on the problems with locals speeding during the week rather than non-locals on weekends, traffic calming devices, flashing crosswalk lights, school bus access, enforcement, emphasis patrols, lowering speed limits, and the need to continue the discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #25-02 Amending Council Procedures. This amendment addresses the Mayor Pro-Tem process. Councilmember Phillips moved to accept the resolution as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Position. After brief discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to nominate Councilmember Russell as Mayor Pro Tem and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried with Councilmember Russell abstaining.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin congratulated Councilmember Russell.

Councilmember Russell thanked the council for their vote of confidence.

Councilmember Phillips thanked all those who attended the meeting, in person and via Zoom.

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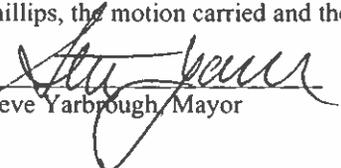
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the January 7th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38142 through 38176 with \$172,808.05 for claims and \$2,596.02 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$175,404.07 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by both Councilmembers Sears and Phillips, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 4th, 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 Martin, Lie and Russell. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Office Manager Beaston. Councilmember Sears attended via Zoom. Councilmember Philips was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended the Association of Washington City's Mayor Exchange in Olympia. He also attended a three-day Cyber Security Conference in Bellevue which was quite eye-opening, and we'll be doing some resilience planning, as it isn't if but when a cyber-attack happens.

Councilmember Lie inquired about the Tree Committee, Steve stated that they are currently scheduling their next meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen briefly reviewed calls for the month responding to 246, with an average of 27 per day and stated that they had increased traffic enforcement, with making 24 traffic stops for the month of January. Chief Whalen brief talked about Snohomish County 911 Communications and that they had implemented Real Time Intelligence and what the means. Chief Whalen briefly talked about Snohomish County's aviation program, and he would be more than happy to send out the information. Brief discussion ensued on various items.

Director Norris gave a brief update on Gunn Road. Director Norris stated that there had been two inquiries on ADUs within the city and briefly discussed what the process would look like. He went on to talk about the ice melt spreader and how great it worked on 415th Avenue, May Creek Road and the intersection of 10th and Lewis Street and that we have acquired a new component for our small tracker that will allow us to spread ice melt down the sidewalks when needed.

Director Norris stated that WASHDOT is forming what they call a joint operations group and has invited Gold Bar to participate. The group is for jurisdictions along Hwy2 monthly to talk about transportation needs and maintenance issues along the highway. Brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Lie inquired about building codes for wildfires and if there is mapping, also fire insurance rates. Brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Lie inquired about the issues out on 19th Street. Brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Lie also inquired about the wall that is going up on May Creek Road and talked about where the funding is coming from. Brief discussion ensued.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie briefly talked about doing jury duty and missing the SAT meeting. At the SAT Meeting they discussed reforming Snohomish County Tomorrow and talked about housing, transportation and urban housing and how it affects Gold Bar.

Councilmember Martin thanked Chief Whalen and was happy to hear his position on ICE involvement. She then reminded everyone that Friday is the recreation meeting at 10am at Sultan city hall.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Yarbrough called the public hearing to order at 7:32 pm with an applicable agenda including the Fee Schedule Amendment. He briefly reviewed the public hearing process.

Resolution 25-04 relating to the Fee Schedule. Brief discussion ensued. A motion was made by Councilmember Russell with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Councilmember Sears then moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned, and the normal agenda returned to at 7:37 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS –

Resolution #25-03, Amending Personnel Manual. Director Norris gave a brief update on the change that was made since the first time it was presented. Councilmember Russel moved to approve Resolution #25-03 relating to the Amendment of the Personnel Manual, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Atwell Agreement. Director Norris briefly talked about the agreement and what it would pertain to. Brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Russell moved to approve with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin reminded everyone of the Citizen-of-the-year awards happening on Friday at the Startup Event Center at 5pm.

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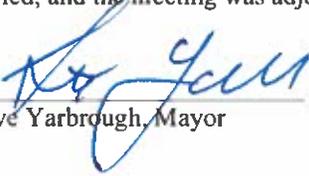
Councilmember Russell moved to approve January 21st, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by both Councilmembers Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38177 through 38212 with \$29,4117.40 for claims and \$54,494.41 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$83,911.81 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Denise Beaston, Office Manager

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 18, 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 Lie and Martin. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris and Clerk Stowe. Councilmembers Russell and Sears attended via Zoom, as did Office Manager Beaston. Councilmember Phillips' absence was previously excused.

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 reviewed several meetings he attended, including the Department of Emergency Management, Snohomish County Health District, a transportation meeting, and a meeting for updates on the opioid treatment van. There was discussion around drain fields and septic tanks, health department enforcement, ownership of mobile home parks, a citizen community award given to Brian Nelson, and emergency management maps.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen talked about trooper staffing, county helicopters, and aviation unit hours.

Director Norris had no staff report but Councilmember Lie had questions about ecology blocks recently installed on May Creek Road.

Clerk Stowe asked those councilmembers who had not yet turned in their acknowledgement forms to do so.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears talked about mobile home parks and the need for affordable housing.

Councilmember Lie talked about ATVs and the mobile home park. He then made a motion to freeze all spending of impact fees. With a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried with Councilmember Martin abstaining. Clerk Stowe had concerns about the motion and reminded the council that the freeze takes place upon approval of the motion and does not impact costs incurred prior to the motion.

Councilmember Martin talked about the community award ceremony, her concerns about the mobile home park, the need to protect affordable housing, and a recreation meeting she attended.

Councilmember Russell also spoke about affordable housing and the risks of hiking in the snow.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Contract for Animal Control. This interlocal was approved previously but Snohomish County changed the format to an intergovernmental contract. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the mayor to sign the intergovernmental contract and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #25-05 Support for Aviation Funding. Councilmember Sears moved to accept the resolution as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Amendment to Law Enforcement Interlocal. This amendment makes official the costs represented in the previously approved contract. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize the mayor to approve the amendment and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about inspections of drain fields and septic tanks relating to building permits and as-builts, city bills, impact fees, and spending on the ecology blocks. He stated that he did not sign the check register. Clerk Stowe reminded him that there must be a legitimate reason not to pay a vendor and that the vendor did the work in good faith. She said the allocation can be changed at any time. Councilmember Sears moved to put impact fees on the agenda for the next meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

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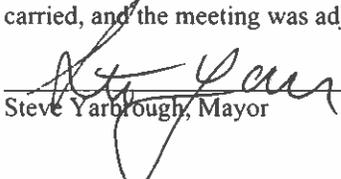
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the February 4th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38213 through 38238 with \$26,569.34 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$27,769.34 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried with Councilmember Lie opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 4, 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 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 Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Phillip's absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. Councilmember Martin moved to excuse Councilmember Sears's absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Lie moved to adopt the agenda as amended to add discussion on House Bill 1443 and Senate Bill 5232 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough met with the Tree Board and there will be an Arbor Day celebration on April 25th in Gold Bar. Red Cedar seedlings will be handed out. Councilmember Lie asked how expenses were paid for and they will come out of the general fund.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen talked about calls for service in February, traffic enforcement, a call involving a K9 unit, an ongoing investigation into a stolen bike, and an active investigation into a burglary on city property. He also said there is a new criminal justice training center that will provide local training. He reminded people to be mindful of safety while hiking this time of year and to be prepared. Councilmember Lie asked about law enforcement for the forest service. Chief Whalen is monitoring that situation.

Director Norris thanked the resident who saw water and reported it, allowing staff to repair a leak. He spoke briefly about the engineer report for the ecology block fence and that the report should be ready for the council at the next meeting. Councilmember Lie asked when recreational vehicles would be moved. Director Norris said they do not have to be moved as no one is living in them.

Councilmember Russell asked for clarification that the ecology blocks were not a retaining wall, which they are not. He then asked if the engineers would have suggestions how to make the fence a retaining wall if needed, which they will.

Councilmember Martin asked Director Norris how much it cost to find this out from the engineers and Director Norris said \$4,000.

Office Manager Beaston will be sending out bills. She reminded people to call city hall if they saw dogs running loose. Councilmember Lie asked if she was the one who picked up a dog recently and she was. He then spoke briefly about reimbursements for using personal vehicles.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about ATVs in Sultan, the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting about economic development, federal grants, and a Department of Emergency Management presentation. He said that anyone attending meetings should report back to the council.

Councilmember Martin wished everyone a happy Mardi-gras.

Councilmember Russell talked about the risks of hiking this time of year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Emily Ellson spoke about a native growth protection area that has debris that needs to be cleaned.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Impact Funds. After review of Clerk Stowe's staff report on the action taken by the council at the last meeting, Councilmember Lie moved to rescind the previous motion freezing impact fund spending and to allow the budget to continue and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

The motion was followed by discussion around impact funds, revenue, potential projects, proposed park improvements, proposed sidewalk improvements, and the expiration date that revenue needs to be used by.

Councilmember Lie said he wants staff to respect citizens, that there may not be a chance again to get impact funds, and asked if there was anything that could be done to make sure the council gets the information they need. He also said he did not trust the city hall and did not like the budget process.

Clerk Stowe reminded the council that they are regularly invited to review the budget and be involved in the process throughout the months that the budget is worked on.

Councilmember Russell brought up the possibility of using park impact revenue for the skatepark that had been previously proposed and there was brief discussion around that.

Councilmember Martin said she does have trust in the city hall and she felt the city had knowledgeable and competent staff.

Director Norris said anyone could come in and see what staff do at any time.

Mayor Yarbrough brought the discussion back to impact funds and talked about potential locations for park equipment and the need to look again at costs for a skatepark.

This was followed by discussion about the recent installation of ecology blocks, that they are not correcting a deficiency, that they are not a retaining wall, and that the recent engineer report will come before the council.

House and Senate Bill Legislation. There was discussion around the two bills before the House and Senate and what their ramifications could be if passed. Councilmember Lie encouraged the council to keep track of legislation and Mayor Yarbrough said not to hesitate to contact representatives.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie asked for an update on a house on 19th Street and Office Manager Beaston gave him an update.

Councilmember Russell talked about impact fees, recreational vehicles, developers and development in the community interest, and that he has never had a complaint, or any issues, with city staff. He also said it is the council's responsibility to be more involved.

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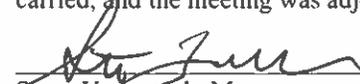
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the February 18th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38239 through 38273 with \$26,251.60 for claims and \$53,314.99 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$79,566.59 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.


Steve Yacubough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in hybrid format. Present in person were Councilmembers Lie, Martin, and Sears. Staff members present in person were Public Works Director Norris and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom, as did Councilmembers Russell and Phillips.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough talked about Alpine Meadows ownership and an upcoming planning meeting for Gold Dust Days on June 26th.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris updated the council on the Fall View project and then reviewed the engineer report on ecology blocks. Councilmember Lie asked about Fall View timelines and plat approvals. He also asked about the engineer that did the report, which was the same engineer the city utilizes on other projects. Councilmember Russell also talked about the ecology blocks and that a retaining wall would not keep debris off the road.

Office Manager Beaston reminded councilmembers to check their junk email boxes and to encourage people with issues to contact city hall for faster responses.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears apologized for missing the last meeting and thanked councilmembers for excusing his absence.

Councilmember Lie talked about Alpine Meadows, the need to update municipal codes, Snohomish County Tomorrow, people running stop signs, and ATV usage.

Councilmember Russell talked about garbage on federal land, snow levels, water usage during the summer, the police presence in the city, cuts in veteran care, and concerns about policing federal lands.

Councilmember Phillips also thanked the council for excusing her absence.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jay Prueher talked about Fall View construction near his property and ownership of the area.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Water System Goals. The Department of Health requires goals for water use efficiency to be reviewed and set through a process that involves a public hearing and public comment. The goals must be set by the governing body. Director Norris reviewed sample goals and the process for the council. This led to discussion around water use, previous goals, how to involve citizens, if past goals were met, conservation kits, the larger number of people now living in residences, water use thresholds, the impact of old pipes on water use, rain barrel collection, and alternatives for conservation.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie said he was glad Fall View was collecting their trash.

Councilmember Russell talked about upcoming weather.

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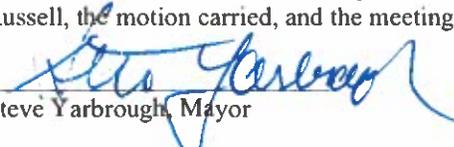
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the March 4th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38274 through 38303 with \$44,170.67 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$45,370.67 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by both Councilmembers Phillips and Russell, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 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 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. Councilmember Phillips was not present.

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 talked about delays with the mobile opioid treatment van and the upcoming Arbor Day plans. Councilmember Lie talked about funding for the van and municipal code related to mobile homes.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls for service in Gold Bar. He said traffic remains a major complaint and went over recent traffic calls. He covered public nuisances, quality of life calls, illegal camping, services available for the same, off-leash dogs, changes in scanners, and that the county has approved Stetson hats for uniforms. Councilmember Lie asked about unmarked patrol cars.

Director Norris talked about work for the upcoming Arbor Day and park cleanup. Councilmember Russell asked about the Fall View development and that the Native Growth Protection Area would be a good location for light recreation. Councilmember Sears said a sign at 17th and Amanda is missing. Councilmember Lie talked about permits for a commercial building.

Clerk Stowe clarified the citizen comment period and the differences between comments at council meetings and comments on social media. Councilmember Sears moved to allow citizen comments on this topic and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. Discussion included the time limit on comments, that comments are allowed whether there is an agenda item or not, and the reasons why comments are not allowed on social media.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow's recent meeting regarding the amount of time people spend in cars and the need for daycare businesses. He also talked about potential traffic increases along May Creek Road due to county changes regarding accessory dwelling units. He recommended people attend Sultan School District meetings to see how they handle public comment.

Councilmember Martin talked about the upcoming recreation coalition meeting.

Councilmember Russell talked about goals for water efficiency. He spoke to the PUD about water conservation kits they may be able to provide for the city.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Donna Murphy talked about the smell of the marijuana grow businesses and the steps she's taken to get this dealt with.

Nada Dyson talked about a grow business near Gold Bar Nature Trails, graffiti in Gold Bar, unfinished storage units that are an eyesore, and the number of people living on a parcel of land with limited toilet facilities.

Chris Willette talked about accessory dwelling units and issues with a neighbor including parking on the road. Mayor Yarbrough said they will work with law enforcement.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie brought up water conservation and said he didn't see anything on the city website. It was clarified that the council must come up with goals first. This led to discussion on goals and the process leading up to a public hearing. After discussion it was decided that a public hearing would be set for the first meeting in May.

Councilmember Russell talked about recommendations for tracking savings with the use of conservation kits.

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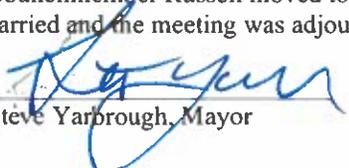
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the March 18th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38304 through 38342 with \$9,910.52 for claims and \$56,551.71 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$66,462.23 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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Printed Name	Signature	Resident Y/N (optional)
Donna Murphy		N
Nada Dyson		no -
Chris Willette	can use	yes

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 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 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. Councilmember Phillips was not present.

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 talked about the Sky Valley Transportation Committee, the upcoming egg hunt and the upcoming Arbor Day event. Relating to Arbor Day, he presented a proclamation declaring April 25th as Arbor Day. There was brief discussion and no council objection to the proclamation. Councilmember Lie asked about a meeting a few months ago. Mayor Yarbrough said it related to the Volunteers of America. Councilmember Lie then asked for an update on a local home but there is not much the city can do. He then asked for an update on the marijuana smells from local businesses. Director Norris said there is work being done with Puget Sound Clean Air and the Liquor and Cannabis Control Board. They are also reviewing sample ordinances and looking at possible enforcement through business license renewals. Mayor Yarbrough and Director Norris hope to meet with business owners. Councilmember Lie then asked about graffiti, which is being cleaned up.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls for service in Gold Bar. These included unlicensed and unregistered dirt bikes with juveniles, the recovery of a stolen outboard, and traffic enforcement. Councilmember Lie asked about the definition of civil disturbances. Chief Whalen said this could be verbal disagreements, disputes over property lines, disputes over payments, and so on.

Director Norris said final building permits for Fall View had been issued. Councilmember Russell asked about drainage issues on the streets and Director Norris said it is because the final grade has yet to be completed so the street is at a lower level. Councilmember Lie asked if the city would take over street sweeping, which it will after the final overlay.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked briefly about Snohomish County Tomorrow. He then talked about surveilling May Creek Road and seeing lots of bike and pedestrian activity and a couple ATVs. He also mentioned ATV use in Sultan.

Councilmember Martin hopes to see a good turnout for the upcoming egg hunt.

Councilmember Russell talked about police activity in the valley and said it was welcome to see and talked about the need to feel safe walking in the city.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Darin (no last name) spoke via Zoom, thanking Chief Whalen for his work. He also talked about issues with gravel on streets and people racing in the area around Nugget Street. He thanked staff for their work.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Orchard Avenue Project Update. Director Norris reviewed an addendum with cost updates for the street overlay part of the project. The updates do not impact the city budget. Councilmember Sears reviewed changes to the costs, and there was no council objection to the addendum changes.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie asked about an attorney bill, which was related to the recent bid process. He also asked about a water use efficiency deadline and Director Norris said there is no official deadline. The recent leak repair dropped water loss by 5%.

Councilmember Russell asked if projects utilized retainage, which they do. He also said he would be attending a hearing in Sultan regarding new houses.

Councilmember Sears moved to excuse Councilmember Phillips' absence and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

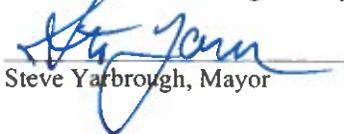
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the April 1st, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38343 through 38374 with \$177,651.90 for claims and \$2,707.20 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$180,359.10 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried with Councilmember Lie voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 6, 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 Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Office Manager Beaston. Councilmember Phillips was not present. Councilmember Russel made a motion to excuse Councilmember Phillips with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

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 briefly talked about the Arbor Day celebration. In attendance were several citizens, members of the Tree Board, Councilmembers Lie and Russell, and fifty-eight students from Gold Bar Elementary, who helped plant three dog wood trees in Gateway Park. The students each received a Western Red Cedar tree seedling. Mayor Yarbrough stated that on April 28th, Director Norris, Office Manager Beaston, and himself met with three members of the Department of Emergency Management for a two-hour meeting regarding the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Annex kickoff, during which roles, responsibilities, communication, and response coordination were discussed, in preparation for no notice and pre notice events. The City will be incorporating the CEMP into the DEM annex template; this is an effort to standardize updated CEMP planning for all of DEM interlocal partners. On May 1st he met with Director Norris and Clerk Stowe to review the draft 2024 financial report. He encouraged councilmembers that want to dig deep into the city's financials to also review the report with Clerk Stowe. Lastly, Mayor Yarbrough heard from the coordinator of the Opioid treatment van, and they are almost ready to start. Councilmember Lie asked if there were red cedar seedlings still available, and if so, could he take a few. Mayor Yarbrough stated that yes there were several if anyone wanted any; if not what was left over would be planted in Railroad Park. Councilmember Lie asked if Mayor Yarbrough was still involved with the food bank. Mayor Yarbrough stated that he is involved with the Skykomish Food Bank since there is not one in Gold Bar. The Mircle Food Network was trying to obtain funds and a location to set one up here but they are now looking for funds to do the farm type, which would be outside the city limits. Brief discussion ensued.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen stated that April was a busy month with nine hundred calls for service in April, averaging thirty calls per shift. Traffic enforcement remains a priority for the department, with 153 traffic stops throughout the region with 62 stops being within city limits. Also, since the last council meeting, deputies have continued emphasis patrols on 399th Avenue just outside the city relating to reports of people wandering around and the crime and drug activity in that area. Chief Whalen briefly talked about three search and rescue calls that they responded to, that two former Gold Bar Deputies had been promoted to Sergeant, and lastly he briefly talked about staffing. Brief discussion ensued with Councilmembers.

Director Norris stated that currently the Comprehensive Plan is with Puget Sound Regional Council and what that entails as far as if the Comprehensive Plan will be certified and what that means regarding funding. Much discussion ensued on additional requirements being put upon Gold Bar regarding housing, climate change, funding in 2027, and parking regulations. Brief discussion ensued with councilmembers regarding ADUs and flashing light crosswalks on May Creek Road. Director Norris finished by stating that Fall View was completing the last of the paving, working on a couple of broken sidewalks, and will be working on drainage.

Office Manager Beaston stated letters were sent out for GBMC violations pertaining to garbage needing to be contained and animal violations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears briefly stated that the rivers are still very cold, so don't go swimming.

Councilmember Lie talked briefly about Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and the discussion of affordable housing. He stated that their next meeting will also be about housing. He then briefly talked about the increase of bicycle traffic that he is seeing on May Creek and briefly talked about emergency management and evacuation routes.

Councilmember Martin sympathized with Chief Whalen regarding staffing. She then briefly talked about the Monroe Food Bank, the political climate regarding funding, and an upcoming fundraiser. She finished with agreeing with Jordan and not to go swimming.

Councilmember Russell stated that there has been a couple cougar sightings and talked about general safety. He finished also with warning about river safety.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

CONTINUED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Director Norris briefly talked about the water conservation goal and gave results on our water loss. Much discussion ensued on ERU's (equivalent residential units). Director Norris briefly talked about summer demand compared to the rest of the year. Lastly, he talked about water education and putting notices on the back of the utility bills. He stated that he would like to set the Public Hearing for the next council meeting regarding the water conservation goals. There was a consensus with Councilmembers to put the Public Hearing on the next agenda. Brief discussion ensued.

Director Norris briefly talked about the Critical Areas Update, with the city's contract planner Erik Jensen from EJ Municipal attending via Zoom. Much discussion ensued regarding the Department of Ecology and Department of Commerce and the need to have a planner. Brief discussion ensued on how many companies applied to the RFQ's for planning and what was the deciding factor in choosing a vendor. Councilmember Sears made a motion to have Mayor Yarbrough sign the contract with EJ Municipal, with Councilmember Russell seconding the motion. Motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

No council comments.

MINUTES APPROVAL

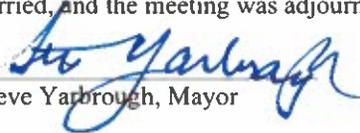
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the April 15th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38375 through 38410 with \$69,593.57 for claims and \$53,670.57 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$123,264.14 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Denise Beaston, Office Manager

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 20, 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 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.

OPEN COUNCIL POSITION

Councilmember Demi Phillips tendered her resignation, opening council position #1. A letter of interest and application were submitted by resident Krystal Craig, who attended the meeting via Zoom. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to appoint Krystal Craig to council position #1 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried. Clerk Stowe administered the Oath of Office and Councilmember Craig took her seat.

All councilmembers and Mayor Yarbrough thanked Ms. Phillips for her service to the city and wished her well.

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 announced an Open House at the Sky Valley Event Center for fire preparedness. Councilmember Sears asked for an update on the opioid treatment van, which there is none. Councilmember Lie asked for an update on the sale of the mobile home park, which there is none.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen gave a brief update on 399th and said deputies worked on code violations, search and rescue calls, and a prowler in Sultan. There was brief discussion about May Creek Bridge.

Director Norris held a pre-construction meeting for the Orchard project. He also said a bearing went out on well 4, which led to discussion around the repair timeline and the potential need to periodically purchase water from the PUD. Councilmember Lie asked to have the water comprehensive plan updated on the city website. There was also brief discussion around completion of paving at Fall View.

Clerk Stowe thanked Ms. Phillips for her work as a councilmember.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked Ms. Phillips and welcomed Councilmember Craig.

Councilmember Lie also thanked Ms. Phillips and welcomed Councilmember Craig. He also spoke briefly about the role of a councilmember and encouraged Councilmember Craig to read up on the municipal code.

Councilmember Martin said it was National Bee Day. She also thanked Ms. Phillips and welcomed Councilmember Craig.

Councilmember Russell thanked Ms. Phillips and talked about a community trails association meeting and attending the Stone Ridge hearing in Sultan.

Councilmember Craig thanked Ms. Phillips for her service and hopes to be able to be part of the team.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing related to water conservation to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the process for the hearing. No councilmember had any reason to recuse themselves from the hearing. There was brief discussion around water conservation goals and the council consensus was to accept those goals. One resident, Nick Zylstra, confirmed there would be no rate increases or changes to usage or municipal code. There will be a resolution at the next meeting to confirm the goals. With no further discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried. The regular agenda was returned to at 7:34 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Traffic Calming Options. Director Norris reviewed the types of traffic calming devices and associated costs. There was discussion around the longevity of the devices, their impact on traffic, crosswalks, where to site devices, and the availability of two radar signs. After discussion, Director Norris said he would look at further solutions. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Director Norris to purchase the two radar signs and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie welcomed Councilmember Craig and told her this council is different from previous ones.

MINUTES APPROVAL

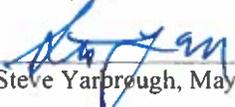
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the May 6th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38411 through 38435 with \$59,285.76 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$60,485.76 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell 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 Lie, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT - none

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, with deputies responding to an average of thirty calls per day. Types of calls included burglaries, disturbances, search and rescue, and vehicle thefts. Chief Whalen encouraged people to not leave valuables or possessions in vehicles.

Director Norris said notifications went out to residents impacted by the Orchard Avenue project. There was brief discussion around swale maintenance, catch-basins, and signs in parks.

Office Manager Beaston reviewed an animal control call.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears gave information on Pride Month activities.

Councilmember Lie talked about a Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting where there was discussion on affordable housing and community transit.

Councilmember Martin wished everyone a happy Pride Month and commented on related activities.

Councilmember Russell talked about walking around town and how nice it was to see people out. He also thanked Clerk Stowe for reviewing the financial statements with him.

Councilmember Craig wished everyone a happy Pride Month. She also talked about the recent wildfire protection defense gathering and said she is looking forward to working with the Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

Councilmember Lie also thanked Ms. Phillips and welcomed Councilmember Craig. He also spoke briefly about the role of a councilmember and encouraged Councilmember Craig to read up on the municipal code.

Councilmember Martin said it was National Bee Day. She also thanked Ms. Phillips and welcomed Councilmember Craig.

Councilmember Russell thanked Ms. Phillips and talked about a community trails association meeting and attending the Stone Ridge hearing in Sultan.

Councilmember Craig thanked Ms. Phillips for her service and hopes to be able to be part of the team.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing related to water conservation to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the process for the hearing. No councilmember had any reason to recuse themselves from the hearing. There was brief discussion around water conservation goals and the council consensus was to accept those goals. One resident, Nick Zylstra, confirmed there would be no rate increases or changes to usage or municipal code. There will be a resolution at the next meeting to confirm the goals. With no further discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried. The regular agenda was returned to at 7:34 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Traffic Calming Options. Director Norris reviewed the types of traffic calming devices and associated costs. There was discussion around the longevity of the devices, their impact on traffic, crosswalks, where to site devices, and the availability of two radar signs. After discussion, Director Norris said he would look at further solutions. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Director Norris to purchase the two radar signs and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie welcomed Councilmember Craig and told her this council is different from previous ones.

MINUTES APPROVAL

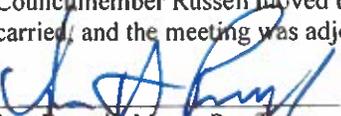
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the May 6th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38411 through 38435 with \$59,285.76 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$60,485.76 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.


Lee Russell, Mayor Pro-Tem


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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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. Councilmember Sears and Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

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 thanked Councilmember Russell for facilitating the previous meeting. A new resident complimented Office Manager Beaston for making her feel welcome to the city and said she is a great representative of the city. The opioid treatment van is getting repaired and there are staffing issues. Gold Dust Day will be July 26 and needs sponsorships.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, including some with large response teams and firearms. Deputies are dealing with illegal ATVs. There are upcoming personnel changes and the Sheriff's Department overall has staffing deficits. He talked about the increase in 911 hangup calls due in part to technology and the ability to accidentally dial with cell phones. There was brief discussion.

Director Norris presented the final design for a crosswalk from the Department of Transportation. There was discussion around construction, the lack of a flashing light, concerns about turning, and if radar signs could be used. He also gave an update on the Orchard Avenue project and talked about old water lines that were found to still be active.

Office Manager Beaston reminded people about the risk of animals in hot cars, that fireworks are illegal within city limits, to keep an eye on animals during the 4th of July holiday, and that city hall will be closed June 19th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked Office Manager Beaston for her help with new residents, and thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Lie talked about ATVs, Snohomish County Tomorrow, and Sound Transit.

Councilmember Martin talked about the disposition of fire crews and thanked Chief Whalen and Office Manager Beaston for their work.

Councilmember Russell also thanked Office Manager Beaston as well as Director Norris for his work with signage in the city.

Councilmember Craig also thanked Office Manager Beaston and Chief Whalen for their work and talked about the early alert warning system.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #783, Assessments. Ordinance #783 was presented for an introduction and first reading. After discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to accept Ordinance #783 for an introduction and first reading, with the possibility of amendments at the second reading, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about traffic at 4-way intersections.

Councilmember Martin reminded people to be aware of fire danger.

Councilmember Russell talked about the dangers of Eagle Falls.

MINUTES APPROVAL

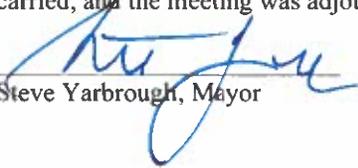
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 3rd, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38470 through 38496 with \$41,136.92 for claims and \$1,200.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$42,336.92 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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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

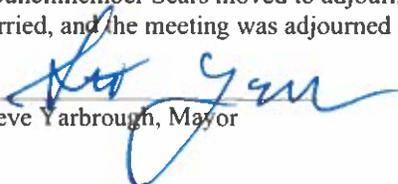
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 17th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmembers Martin and Russell, the motion carried.

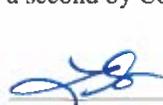
VOUCHER APPROVAL

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

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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

City of Gold Bar

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107 - 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 19, 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 Public Works Director Norris and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom. Chief Whalen was absent and Deputy Fredricksen was present in person.

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 has been ill for a few weeks and is working on catching up. He said Gold Dust Day seemed to go well, with some minor hiccups. National Night Out was well attended and he thanked Family Grocer for donating hot dogs and the Mann Station for donating water. He met with the opioid treatment van staff and encouraged others to do so as well. The Department of Emergency Management is planning a tabletop exercise for train derailments.

Councilmember Lie asked about the status of the Tree Board. They are active and working on scheduling a meeting. Councilmember Lie then talked about feral apple trees in the park and elsewhere, and the mess they make.

Councilmember Martin asked if Mayor Yarbrough would be attending an opening day lunch.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Fredricksen filled in for Chief Whalen in case there were any questions. Councilmember Lie asked if he had seen any difference in traffic with the new radar signs and he said he had noticed people slowing down.

Director Norris had several updates and there was discussion on each topic. There have been problems with water leaks in different locations and an issue with a pressure relief valve. A pipe at Well 3 broke and had to be repaired. Radar signs were installed and there should be data available soon. The old dump truck and street sweeper have been advertised. Because of being short-staffed, mowing has been let go. The maintenance position has been posted. The water fountain for the dog park was ordered but there has been a delivery issue. Playground equipment will be installed shortly. He had a meeting with Community Transit regarding potential changes to routes and encouraged people to give Community Transit feedback.

The watermain replacement on Orchard is complete and came in under budget and so the contractors will be able to add connections between wells in order to cut down on the city having to buy water from the PUD. The next phase is the street overlay and Director Norris reviewed the dates for work. Striping and speed tables will be part of the overlay project.

Well 4 repairs are continuing and as part of the process it may be possible to surplus old equipment related to the pump.

Clerk Stowe said the budget process will be starting and asked the Council to consider any recommendations they may have.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears has also been out ill. Councilmember Russell moved to excuse his absence from the last meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried. Councilmember Sears said he has seen drivers slowing down at the new radar signs.

Councilmember Lie said he introduced himself to the opioid treatment staff and encouraged others to do so. He talked about how busy Lewis Street and the school have been with kids on bikes and other non-powered things. He said the average age he sees on ATVs seems to be around nine years old. He talked about Snohomish County Tomorrow and their discussions around the housing crisis and the costs of including parking in development. He also talked about city municipal code that prohibits parking on the right of way of the highway and said a line needs to be drawn between project cars and junk vehicles.

Councilmember Martin attended a meeting with Heidelberg regarding their expansion plans and a recreational meeting regarding Reiter Foothills and their new parking area. She also reminded people of the fire danger.

Councilmember Russell thanked Director Norris for the radar signs. He talked about the people he talks to in town and those that pick up trash in the park. He sees a lot of people taking pride in their community. He said Office Manager Beaston's work helped people feel safe in the area. He also said everyone he has talked to has been impressed with the contractors and staff on the Orchard project. He also met with opioid treatment staff.

Councilmember Craig met with opioid treatment staff and identified gaps in service, such as transportation and translating services. She is going to a Homeland Security conference in Washington D.C. and will be meeting with representatives. She asked the Council for anything they might like her to talk about. Councilmember Russell brought up the staffing shortage on federal lands and how deputies are having to pickup that shortfall. Councilmember Martin said that is beginning to be addressed and there have been new hirings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie talked about marijuana businesses and how he doesn't like seeing staff spending time on tasks for people who are not citizens. Director Norris said citizens are being vocal about the issues as well, but to staff and the Liquor Control Board. Councilmember Lie said that the council doesn't see that, and compared it to the code violations he sees and doesn't know if they are being addressed or not.

Councilmember Martin thanked Councilmember Craig for attending the upcoming conference.

Councilmember Russell also thanked Councilmember Craig and said he has talked to people about the smell from marijuana businesses.

MINUTES APPROVAL

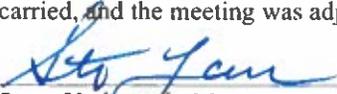
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the July 15th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38561 through 38596 with \$20,325.20 for claims and \$63,378.18 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$83,703.38 and checks numbering 38597 through 38624 with \$263,889.47 for claims and \$1,000.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$264,889.47 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 7:54 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Slowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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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

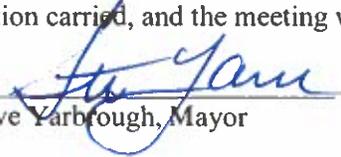
Councilmember Russell moved to approve the August 19th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

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

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 16, 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, and Martin. Councilmembers Russell and Sears attended via Zoom. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Russell moved to adopt the agenda and Councilmember Sears seconded the motion. Mayor Yarbrough explained the agenda had been amended and the motion died for lack of vote. Councilmember Russel then moved to adopt the agenda as amended and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough said the Tree Board met to review samples of tree ordinances and that BARS codes had been changed to more easily track Tree Board expenses. Councilmember Lie asked if trees on private property would be regulated, which they would not. Mayor Yarbrough then talked about the need for an interlocal between the city and the Snohomish County Conservation District and there was brief discussion. Councilmember Lie then asked for an update on the opioid treatment van, but Mayor Yarbrough had none.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen said Deputy Mayhall will be temporarily filling in for another deputy. He reviewed recent calls and city code violations. Councilmember Russell said he had noticed on social media that people were having windshields broken out. Chief Whalen said a suspect had been identified.

Director Norris said the Orchard Avenue project came in \$50,000 under bid but the city will still have to do a budget amendment. He updated the council on the overlay project, speed tables, and adjustments made to speed radar signs. He also said the city had hired a new employee who was local. Councilmember Lie talked about the state of fences on Stickney Mountain Place and asked if they were city responsibility, which they are. Councilmember Lie then asked about a bill to Snohomish County, which was for hauling away the RV abandoned on the highway. Councilmember Russell asked if a comparison could be made on speeds before and after the speed bumps are done, which Director Norris will be doing. Councilmember Lie then asked for an update on Well 4. The new pump is installed and electrical work will be done this week.

Clerk Stowe apologized for the confusion around the agenda.

Office Manager Beaston sent out a year-to-date report on code enforcement.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie thanked resident Phil Peksanli for his comments at the previous meeting regarding electric vehicles inside buildings and said the city was welcome to ban them. He reviewed municipal code relating to fruit trees and could not find any code that banned them but felt the Tree Board should address the issue. He reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting. He gave his ATV update, and asked Mayor Yarbrough for the status of the upcoming train simulation. Mayor Yarbrough said the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is working on details. Councilmember Lie then thanked Office Manager Beaston for her report and said it helps him understand what happens at city hall.

Councilmember Martin talked about the current red flag warning for fire danger. She also said there is an upcoming recreation coalition meeting in October.

Councilmember Russell thanked Office Manager Beaston for her report. He then talked about ongoing fires, their risk, and their speed.

Councilmember Craig talked about legislative updates regarding the potential to allow longer trucks, reviewed statistics, and asked the council if they were interested in sending letters. She will be attending a forum put on by the Association of Washington Cities in October.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #785, Amending Title 12. After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #785 for a second reading and adoption, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie returned to Councilmember Craig's comments on trucks. He moved to add this to the agenda and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

The council then discussed the sample letters against allowing larger trucks on the highway. Councilmember Lie moved to approve the mayor signing the sample letters if it was clear all the councilmembers approved rather than some rogue mayor, and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried.

Councilmember Martin said the Heidelberg company will host an open house on the 27th to discuss increasing production and starting hard rock mining.

Councilmember Russell also talked about the Heidelberg proposal.

MINUTES APPROVAL

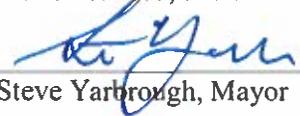
Councilmember Russell moved to approve the September 2nd, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38653 through 38678 with \$156,993.75 for claims and \$1,000.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$157,993.75 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell 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 was absent. 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 amended to add a presentation about the Tree Board and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough was attending the AWC annual meeting but submitted a written report. He has been in contact with the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Tree City designation. He will be submitting a grant for an electric vehicle charging station. There will be the annual Trunk or Treat event at Gateway Park and the city is accepting candy donations. He asked Office Manager Beaston to research costs for porta-potties if there is interest in having that as part of a budget discussion.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, including assisting Sultan regarding shooting incidents. Councilmember Lie asked for clarification around a specific bill, which was for jail services.

Director Norris said Well 4 is running with no issues, speed tables are complete as is the Orchard overlay. Councilmember Lie asked about planting vegetation around stormwater swales in the Fall View development and there was brief discussion. Councilmember Russell said accolades were received from residents regarding the Orchard project.

Clerk Stowe gave an update on potential changes to health insurance coverage. She also said the audit process was starting and there was discussion around the entrance conference. The consensus was that the council did not require an in-person entrance conference. Councilmember Lie volunteered to meet with audit staff for that conference.

Office Manager Beaston reminded people not to blow leaves or vegetation out into sidewalks, storm drains, or streets. Residents who do so will receive warnings and potential fines. She also spoke briefly about animal control issues.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie talked about the recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting, which included discussion around community transit, emergency management, economic development related to the upcoming soccer tournament, local traffic issues, potential code violations, and bicycle safety education for school kids.

Councilmember Martin attended the Heidelberg open house, said the burn permit process is now done online, and talked about fire risks.

Councilmember Russell talked about salmon returning, the need for bike safety, and seeing kids on dirt bikes on streets.

Councilmember Craig also talked about Heidelberg, the increase in trucks and traffic their project may bring to highway 2, damage to windshields from trucks, discussions with Creekside residents regarding the park, and attending an emergency management forum with Mayor Yarbrough.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jason Lavinsky spoke about a law enforcement issue with public safety concerns.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:34 and reviewed the hearing process. The applicable agenda included the Critical Areas update and the 2026 budget.

Director Norris and consultant Eric Jensen reviewed updates to the critical areas ordinance. There was discussion around definitions in the draft plan, licensing requirements for professional services, and making sure wording regarding floodplains was included. After discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to accept Ordinance #784 relating to the Critical Areas Update for an introduction and first reading, and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Clerk Stowe presented the preliminary budget figures and there was discussion about funds, increases in costs, park and street impact fees, plans for a skate park, benches for parks, playground equipment, capital projects, the strong possibility for rate increases, traffic on highway 2, which is a Department of Transportation issue, costs for Sheriff services, and the wish to increase the level of deputy services.

After discussion, Councilmember Lie moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried. The hearing was adjourned at 8:21 and the regular agenda resumed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW 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 an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Tree Board. Leigh Anne Barr gave an update on progress the Tree Board has made in meeting steps required to become a Tree City through the Arbor Foundation. She also updated the council on projects the Tree Board has done.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lie thanked Ms. Barr for the Tree Board information.

Councilmember Martin also thanked Ms. Barr. She also said that she would like to have planters with flowers in the city.

Councilmember Craig asked about the closure of a local food bank. Director Norris told her the food bank had been run by the Miracle Food Network, which lost funding. Councilmember Craig then talked about having a community garden.

Councilmember Russell also spoke about the closure of the food bank and the need for such resources.

MINUTES APPROVAL

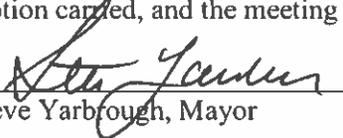
Councilmember Lie moved to approve the September 16th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38679 through 38722 with \$96,440.29 for claims and \$51,662.84 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$148,103.13 and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Martin moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor's Report 10-7-25

Tonight, I am attending the AWC RMSA annual meeting in Chelan. Last week I attended two AWC events in Wenatchee, the Emergency Management Forum on Thursday, and the Mayor's Exchange on Friday.

I have been in contact with the WA State DNR coordinator for the Tree City designation. They are willing to keep the application portal open for us through January if we can meet the criteria needed to complete the application for 2025. The final two items we are working on are the Tree Care Ordinance, and per capita costs documentation.

Round 2 has just opened to apply for an Electrical Vehicle Charging grant from the WA State Dept of Commerce. I am going to try for this grant again; the deadline is Dec 18th.

The "Ladies of the Sky Valley" chapter of the Red Hatters are partnering again with the city and Gold Bar Police Dept to host Trunk or Treat at Gateway Park. City Hall is accepting candy donations.

An FYI for council, I had Denise reach out for porta potty costs a few months ago. A standard porta potty is about \$3000/yr, and ADA rated potty is \$4000/yr. This is for weekly service; the price drops a little for monthly only service. If council desires to consider adding to next year's budget, now is the time for discussion during the budget hearing process. Gateway and Railroad Parks are possible locations, especially if we are successful with an EV charging grant at Gateway Park. For current travelers, a reminder that we do have a grocery store, two gas stations, and four restaurants and a food truck that all have public restrooms. Steve

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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

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 4, 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 and Martin. Councilmembers Russell and Sears attended via Zoom. Councilmember Lie was absent. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough attended numerous events, including the ribbon cutting for a new business, a winter weather summit, a meeting regarding grant applications, and one with Washington Wild, which he highly recommends councilmembers attend.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls in the region, including the number of traffic stops. Deputy Gallina was involved in a stop that led to confiscation of eight grams of methamphetamine. Chief Whalen also talked about the number of people in the region who have signed up for Snohomish County Alerts and encouraged people to do so if they have not.

Director Norris and staff are working on a path to address odors from marijuana operations.

Clerk Stowe said that insurance issues were resolved between Evergreen Health and Regence.

Office Manager Beaston asked for a moment of silence to remember Dave Kaseburg and Dakota Pickens. City staff grieve their loss and offer condolences to the family.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears reminded people to get their ballots in before polls close.

Councilmember Martin said cold-weather shelters are open in Monroe and community transit will give free rides there. She also thanked Chief Whalen for his outstanding service.

Councilmember Russell talked about the need to step up and help local food banks.

Councilmember Craig toured the city's water system with Director Norris in order to learn more about it. She also thanked staff for their work on the County Emergency Management Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Yarbrough called the public hearing to order at 7:11 pm to discuss the 2026 budget. Clerk Stowe reviewed the hearing process. Councilmember Craig asked about recusing herself because of her work with the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), but Clerk Stowe said the discussion would be around the stormwater fund so there would be no conflict of interest. No other councilmembers had any reason to recuse themselves from the hearing.

The storm water fund is not supporting itself, as it is legally required to do. The options before the council include raising rates or cutting the level of service. There was a great deal of discussion, including the amount of increase needed, that level of service cuts would be aesthetic such as mowing and weed-whacking retention ponds and not functionality, the need to maintain defensible spaces, the impact of Department of Correction crews, environmental impacts, senior discounts, the work done over the years to improve stormwater and reduce cost, and what a hybrid of actions might look like. The draft budget ordinance should be available at the next meeting for further discussion.

After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmembers Martin and Russell, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:33 and the regular agenda returned to.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Snohomish County Animal Services Interlocal. The County made the requested revisions removing the wording 'cats and small animals'. Councilmember Sears moved to authorize Mayor Yarbrough to sign the interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

DEM Funding and Emergency Management Comprehensive Plan. DEM staff Lucia Schmit and Dara Salmon were available to answer questions. DEM faces loss of funding due to federal changes to grants. There was discussion around operating costs, active litigation with the federal government contesting cuts, the impact of the federal shutdown, loss of staff, the increase in costs to the city if funding is lost, and the need to raise funding or lower services, and what services DEM provides.

Regarding the Comprehensive Plan, DEM staff described what the plan is, what it does, and the need to have a standard document that includes all entities. After discussion the consensus of the council was to move forward with sending the draft to DEM for review. A final draft will then come to the council for action.

Resolution #25-08, 2026 Property Taxes and Levy Certification. This resolution raises property taxes the annual 1%. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to approve Resolution #25-08 as presented and to authorize Clerk Stowe to sign the Levy Certification document and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

Town Hall Meeting Date. After brief discussion, the town hall meeting regarding Moring Park will be held January 20th, half an hour prior to the council meeting.

Ordinance #789, Amending Personnel Manual. This amendment addresses discrimination and harassment. After brief discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #789 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears said there was one minute left to submit ballots.

Councilmember Martin spoke with Chief Whalen about Flock Cameras. She felt they were good tools if used properly but agreed with Chief Whalen to wait and see how they work out for other entities.

Councilmember Russell talked about the use of license plates and that flags should not be flying if in bad condition. He also felt people needed to know how to hang flags. Councilmember Martin agreed and added that they should be illuminated.

MINUTES APPROVAL

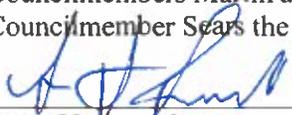
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the October 21st, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38749 through 38781 with \$27,140.35 for claims and \$53,484.65 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$80,625.00 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmembers Martin and Russell both moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor *pro tem*
Lee Russell



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell 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. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell talked about the larger police presence watching for those running stop signs. He also commented on the number of kids out on bikes, and the need for helmets.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen attended the recent fire commissioners' meeting. He said Deputy Grassetth would be receiving a public safety award from VFW. The annual Shop with a Cop will be held December 9th. Chief Whalen then spoke briefly about a burglary the night before from the city's maintenance shop.

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell said he had been reviewing information on the opioid treatment van and wondered if there had been any calls or complaints relating to that. Chief Whalen said there had been two calls for service in the park and ride but they weren't specifically related to the treatment van. He has not received any complaints.

Councilmember Lie read the police blotters Chief Whalen submits, noticed more parking violations, and asked for details. Chief Whalen said they were related to people coming from out of town and parking illegally at the park.

Director Norris gave more information about the recent burglary that Chief Whalen and the deputies are working on. He also said staff have been working on improvements to the dog kennel.

Councilmember Lie noticed from previous minutes that the topic of the marijuana shops came up again and asked for information. Director Norris worked with Puget Sound Clean Air (PSCA) agency and came up with a process to determine which businesses are licensed and legal. He had Clerk Stowe did a public records request to the Liquor Control Board for the business information, and with that, PSCA and the

Liquor Control Board will be able to determine which businesses are out of compliance with licensing. Any businesses found to be out of compliance can have regulations enforced through the business license process with the city. There was brief discussion.

Director Norris then mentioned standing water at the Fall View development, and that the developers had repaired this.

Clerk Stowe said the audit process is continuing.

Office Manager Beaston reminded people to keep their dogs contained, and Councilmember Lie thanked her for her report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears will miss the next council meeting and asked to be excused. Councilmember Lie moved to excuse Councilmember Sears and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

Councilmember Lie said he was unable to make the last meeting as he was working on ballot collections for the recent election. Councilmember Sears moved to excuse Councilmember Lie's absence and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Councilmember Lie then talked about the recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and their discussions around emergency management mitigation and the impact of Artificial Intelligence on employment in the county.

Councilmember Craig talked about the public assistance damage report for the Department of Emergency Management and the process to support a student for community leadership. Some residents have come to her with good ideas around community involvement and she offered to take on compiling ways people can help those who need help. She has also registered for a training for newly elected officials.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kirsten Weinmeister spoke about how Gold Bar will be isolated in a disaster and that it would be beneficial to talk more about what Gold Bar can do in that kind of situation. She felt the draft Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was insufficient in detail.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:24 pm to discuss the 2026 budget. No councilmembers had any reason to recuse themselves from the hearing.

The draft budget includes the rate increase for stormwater but not a rate increase for water. The water fund will need a rate increase in 2027. There was a great deal of discussion around stormwater rates in other cities, level of service needs, the need to have staff comfortable with the projected budget, the work staff do to maintain systems, revenue from water contracts, the impact of Well 4, engineering for Well 4, a suggestion by Councilmember Lie to have an engineer do an audit of the stormwater system, and that big projects are on track.

Phil Peksanli understood why people have to pay for stormwater but felt averaging rates with other cities with more employees was foolish.

Kirsten Weinmeister also talked about the need to have stormwater, comparing Gold Bar to other cities, and stormwater capital improvements.

Lance Hunt, resident and staff member, talked about issues for stormwater and water dispersion, retention ponds, the aging system, and that he felt the rate increase was miniscule for what will be done for stormwater.

Councilmember Lie asked about a typo in the budget ordinance attachment, which will be fixed.

After discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:56 and the regular agenda returned to.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #789, Amending Personnel Manual. This amendment addresses discrimination and harassment. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #789 for a second reading and adoption as presented, and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

DEM Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Director Norris reviewed minor changes to the county draft and there was brief discussion. Councilmember Lie moved to adopt Resolution #25-09 adopting the CEMP and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried, with Councilmember Craig abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #787 Amending 2025 Budget. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #787 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Ordinance #788 Adopting the 2026 Budget. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #788 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Ordinance #790 Amending the Personnel Manual. This second amendment is a result of the current audit and the need to update language around credit card use. Councilmember Sears moved to accept Ordinance #790 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried. Councilmember Lie wanted to make sure that staff supported local businesses with purchases, which Director Norris confirmed that they do.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears thanked those who came to the meeting in person and by Zoom and said it was good to have the turnout.

Councilmember Lie felt it would be a good idea to have an agenda item dealing with community training and involvement in emergencies. He also thanked Phil Peksanli for standing up and commenting on city comparisons.

Councilmember Craig wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Russell said the same and asked people to remember those folks who aren't getting the help they anticipated.

Councilmember Martin said the fire department sponsors families and while it is too late to get names in for Thanksgiving, there is still time for Christmas.

MINUTES APPROVAL

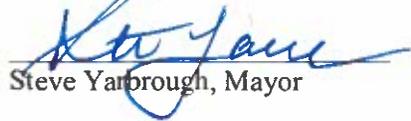
Councilmember Sears moved to approve the November 4th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried, with Councilmember Lie abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38782 through 38810 with \$65,456.29 for claims and \$1,000.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$66,456.29 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Lie the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.


Steve Yarbrough, Mayor


Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in hybrid format. Present in person were Councilmembers Craig, Lie, and Martin. Staff members present in person were Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom. Councilmember Sears was previously excused from this meeting.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Snohomish County certified the recent election and Clerk Stowe administered the Oaths of Office to Councilmembers Craig, Martin, and Russell. The Oath of Office will be administered to the mayor when he returns.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Russell said staff have been excellent support for him as mayor pro-tem. He has been enjoying walking around town talking to people and appreciates the livable community.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, updated the council on the recent theft from the maintenance building and the associated arrest, and spoke briefly about hosting the upcoming Shop with a Cop.

Director Norris said staff have been working on stormwater and getting plows ready. He also talked about changes to security after the recent burglary. Director Norris then presented copies of a letter received by residents of Fall View in opposition to a short-term rental. He explained the council has no jurisdiction over this application but that he will make the letter and petition part of the exhibit that goes to the Hearing Examiner, where the final decision will be made. The council could elect to change municipal code for future applications, but current submissions are reviewed under current code. Councilmember Lie reminded the council about two citizens who came before the council prepared with valid points and as a result of their presentation, restrictions were made.

Councilmember Lie asked about a bill for vehicle cameras. The cameras were funded through an AWC grant. Front and rear cameras are now on the F350, F150, dump truck, sweeper, and sedan. There was

brief discussion around the recordings and how they are not retained but are specific for any potential incidents. Councilmember Lie asked about an on-demand light for crosswalks, which has not yet been ordered. He then asked about the number of accessory dwelling units, and one is being built.

Office Manager Beaston said dog tags have been ordered so renewal notices will be going out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lie reviewed meetings he attended, including Washington Wild, Snohomish County Parks, and meeting with the audit team. He spoke briefly about the need to support multi-modal transportation between Gold Bar and Index, including a trail that could link Wallace Falls State Park and Index. He would like to see a resolution that recognizes the need for this, and will draft an example for the mayor and clerk.

Councilmember Martin said there is an upcoming recreation meeting in Sultan. She spoke briefly with Chief Whalen about the noise of racing cars.

Councilmember Russell talked about a specific vehicle that might be of interest, the importance of cameras in vehicles, that the salmon run appears to be over, and the need to be aware of wildlife when hiking.

Councilmember Craig attended the AWC legislative session for the upcoming year and topics included the rising cost of indigent defense and housing. She also talked about public safety and feels Gold Bar should look at this in the future.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Ordinance #790 Amending the Personnel Manual. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #790 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Ordinance #787 Amending the 2025 Budget. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #787 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

Ordinance #788 Adopting the 2026 Budget. Councilmember Lie asked about capital projects for 2026. There are none for water, but upcoming capital projects for parks and work on city hall. He then moved to accept Ordinance #788 for a second reading and adoption and with a second by Councilmember Craig, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Drug Task Force Interlocal. There was brief discussion around the small increase in the annual cost and the benefits to the city. Chief Whalen said the manager has offered to meet with the council to give more information about what they do, and Councilmember Lie would like to see this happen. After discussion, Councilmember Russell moved to authorize the mayor or mayor pro-tem to enter into this interlocal and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Russell wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Russell moved to approve the November 18th, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38811 through 38848 with \$15,142.06 for claims and \$50,543.77 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$65,685.83 and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lie moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

City of Gold Bar

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City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 16, 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.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor Yarbrough's Oath of Office was administered when he returned from vacation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to adopt the agenda as presented and Councilmember Russell seconded the motion, which failed for lack of vote. Councilmember Lie then moved to approve the agenda as amended to move up the VFW presentation, and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

VFW PRESENTATION

Rob Jones, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post Commander for Gold Bar, presented awards of appreciation relating to safety and emergency services. Awards were presented to Josh Gjerness and Brittanie Martin with Sky Valley Fire and Skylor Grasseth with Snohomish County Sheriff's Department. Recipients were thanked for their service by Post Commander Jones, the council, and the audience.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough thanked Councilmember Russell for his mayor pro-tem duties. He then gave a report on the Cannery Levee. The city has worked over the years to create a contingency plan with other agencies that included monitoring Lidar information. The recent rain event eroded part of the levee and as a result, Mayor Yarbrough authorized a Declaration of Emergency. This Declaration allowed the Army Corp of Engineers to complete a temporary repair. He then talked about the ownership of the levee, which is on private property, and that the city will have opportunities to help the owner with more permanent repairs. The action was taken to protect land, but the work will not impact flooding on Moonlight Drive, which does not come from water over the levee. He asked people to stay away from the levee during repairs.

Relating to the levee, Director Norris then presented Lidar images which show where flooding on Moonlight Drive comes from. Lidar also showed where water would flow if the levee failed, and one of

the concerns is that the Levee flow could create a new channel towards May Creek Road. He said it is unknown who originally installed the levee, but it was done before that area came into the city.

Councilmember Sears asked about cost. Mayor Yarbrough said the Army Corp does the work for free under the emergency, and Director Norris said the impact to the city will be after the fact as the city will have to apply for all related permits and will be responsible for those costs.

There was discussion by the council around impacts if the levee failed, which are unknown because of all the variables. Councilmember Lie was disappointed that the county dumped the levee in the city's lap and disagreed with the city taking responsibility. He felt it left a legacy for future councils to deal with. Councilmember Craig said it was good to have the Lidar imagery and would like to see if there was mitigation available for that area. This led to further discussion around contacting representatives, budget concerns, and legal risks for both taking action and not taking action.

STAFF REPORT

Director Norris reminded people that the meeting on January 20th will have a public town hall meeting half an hour earlier to discuss work that will be done in the Sid Mooring park. He also talked about the upcoming comprehensive plan update and the need to update housing numbers to match county projections. Councilmember Lie asked about the radar signs and Director Norris said batteries may need replacing, and the location of one sign will be changed.

Chief Whalen reviewed calls, including water rescue, and then gave updates on road closures due to the rain event and the recent Shop with a Cop event. He spoke briefly about House Bill 2015. Councilmember Lie asked about a recent city bill. He didn't want to make any changes to service relating to booking restrictions but just wanted people to be aware of costs.

Clerk Stowe reminded those present to sign the citizen comment form and to review the procedure for public comments during council meetings.

Office Manager Beaston said the city website has volunteer information and that it was good to have volunteers to help with weather events. Dog tags for the new year have not yet arrived.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears thanked all those who came to the meeting and talked about the importance of public involvement.

Councilmember Lie said that as a retired professional geologist he was qualified to comment on the levee. He also said that he has not yet drafted a resolution for a trail project.

Councilmember Martin also thanked those who came to the meeting. She thanked Chief Whalen and deputies for their work. She then talked about the strong scent of marijuana from the local businesses. Director Norris said that he met with the fire marshal and representatives from Puget Sound Clean Air and that several violations had been written. Councilmember Martin then said Red Cross is in need of donations.

Councilmember Russell welcomed all who came to the meeting. He then talked about a recent ride-along with deputies.

Councilmember Craig thanked those attending the meeting. She encouraged them to come back and to volunteer, reviewing volunteer options both for the city and the county. She talked about where food donations were being accepted and reiterated the need to not drive around flood barriers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tricia Ann Foster spoke about the levee and funding.

Madison Berry talked about the history of their house flooding, the agencies she has worked with and the consequences of that, actions by residents, a deputy telling people to evacuate, city staff causing wakes in the water, and the need for the city to take flooding seriously.

Jessi Beyer gave a handout on crisis response and spoke about the East County Response Program and House Bill 2015 which will utilize a sales tax to integrate mental health professions with law enforcement.

Zack Greenberg talked about the number of children in the neighborhood impacted by flooding and said that while they were not in the city limits they attended the school. He also questioned why the city was worried about the budget.

Chelsie Wallin acknowledged the work currently underway and was grateful for the effort. She then talked about law enforcement asking residents to evacuate, changes in the levee over the years and the need for transparency.

Demi Phillips-Hall talked about the ownership and responsibility of the levee.

CONTINUED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #791 Amending Title 5. This ordinance relates to changes in licensing thresholds for businesses that do not have a bricks-and-mortar presence in the city, but do business within city limits. Councilmember Lie moved to accept Ordinance #791 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Craig the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears thanked those who came to the meeting and said he knows this is a trying time for all, and that the county, mayor, and staff are doing the best they can. He encouraged people to go to county council meetings or send letters.

Councilmember Lie said the levee is a regional issue, bigger than the city, and needs involvement by the county and state.

Councilmember Martin thanked those present for coming and sharing their opinions. She said donations were also being accepted for evacuated animals.

Councilmember Russell said the levee was something he learned about when he first became a councilmember and that there was a plan in place then. He talked about the need to ask questions before something becomes an emergency and repeated the fact that the levee work will not fix flooding on Moonlight Drive as that is a separate issue. Susan Burch asked to speak. Councilmember Lie moved to

allow this and with a second by Councilmember Craig the motion carried, with Councilmember Russell abstaining. Ms. Burch then said she felt insulted and directed her comments to Councilmember Russell. Clerk Stowe stepped in to remind people of the process for public comments and instructed the council to return to the agenda.

Councilmember Craig talked about federal grants and the need to move forward from this flood event. She said agency responses are moving from response to recovery and that recovery plans would be discussed at the Startup Event Center.

Councilmember Lie would like to see the sales tax initiative on the next agenda.

Councilmember Craig asked about fire department sirens and Assistant Chief Ernie Walters said they are being rebuilt.

MINUTES APPROVAL

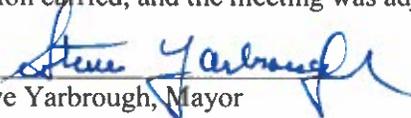
Councilmember Lie moved to approve the December 2nd, 2025, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried with Councilmember Sears abstaining.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 38849 through 38867 with \$36,097.39 for claims and \$1,000.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$37,097.39 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Steve Yarbrough, Mayor



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer