

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The meeting was held in hybrid format. Present in person were Councilmembers Lie and Martin. Councilmember Sears attended via Zoom. Staff members present in person included Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Office Manager Beaston.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Yarbrough stated that for the agenda he would like to hold off on introducing Ordinance 794 due to waiting on hearing back from the city attorney.

Councilmember Lie made a motion to amend the agenda to hold off on Ordinance #794 and table Resolution 26-05 until all councilmembers are present with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough gave a brief update on Gold Dust Days.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen highlighted calls, including how many were deputy-initiated and proactive. Additionally, Gold Bar Deputy Aaron Whyde has been certified as a drone operator, with a drone signed out to Gold Bar City Hall, so it will be a huge resource for the officers. Chief Whalen stated he had attended Index Council meeting and due to call volume, they have declined DV Services. Chief Whalen talked briefly about Granite Falls having passed an Ordinance for E-bikes and E-Scooters requiring helmets for anyone under 18. Chief Whalen gave a brief update on National Night Out. Brief discussion regarding the drone ensued.

Director Norris said had placed a sheet in everyone's box about utility right of way use fee. Director Norris briefly explained that Snohomish County would now be charging all utilities a right of way use fee for any utilities along their right of way, which would be our water mains we have in the county that supply water to county residents. The total comes to about a hundred and seventy-six dollars a year. Brief discussion ensued.

Office Manager Beaston had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears apologized for being late.

Councilmember Lie talked briefly about the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting and the housing crisis. He also said Snohomish County Council is supposed to be having an ordinance, resolution, or modification that would raise hurdles for people with drug issues to get housing at Snohomish County subsidized housing facilities. This will make it more difficult for housing authorities to allow people in, that have not completed their treatment. He then said the Charter Commission has come up with some recommendations and he believes these need to be read carefully when it comes time to vote. Councilmember Lie would like to also look at allowing golf carts after one has been driving up and down May Creek Road in front of his house. He has reviewed what Index and Sultan has for allowing them and would like to have a discussion on it.

Councilmember Martin mentioned that the bi-monthly recreation meeting will be held at 10am at Sultan City Hall on Friday.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Bridge Coordination Services. Mayor Yarbrough stated that he forwarded an email from Bridge Coordination Services with the scope of work and a sample agreement, and he had hoped the council had reviewed it. Councilmember Sears made a motion to authorize the mayor Yarbrough to sign an agreement with Bridge Services with a second by Councilmember Lie, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 793, Short-Term Rental Restriction. After a brief discussion and Public Works Director Norris pulling up the wording that would need to be changed for percentages allowed, Mayor Yarbrough stated that if it was approved for first reading then a Public Hearing would be held at the next council meeting. Councilmember Lie made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of the ordinance and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Martin stated the water is still cold.

COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the May 19th, 2026, minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 39212 through 39238 with \$14,742.88 for claims and \$54,549.13 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$69,292.01 with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Martin, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Denise Beaston, Office Manager