

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular Council Meeting –
Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall.

Alderman Joni Kjelden, Aldermen John Jenson, David Peterson, Clark Dessler, and Darwyn Engesser were present. Acting Mayor and President Albert Bekaert presided. Present also were Claudette Bagan, Ron & Barb Stangeland, Jen Pederson, Ellen Schulte, Dave & Jodi Mercer, Perry & Marlene Andrews, Robin Lanners, Mike Nosbush, Jason Anderson, and Shirley Pederson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Dessler to approve the agenda with one addition: Gary Community Club. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Kjelden to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2020 regular meeting. All members voted aye, motion carried.

GENERAL-SEPTEMBER 2020 BILLS

Finance Office-1,924.69;Librarian-580.00;Streets/Parks-4,858.98;Water-1,017.08;Sewer-1,017.06;Rubble-Site-99.84;Cemetery-212.08;Council-3rd quarter-2,000.00;AFLAC-Premium-324.08;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage collection-1,861.06;BDRW-646,000 gallons-1,606.20;Christianson Plbg & Htg-curb stops-854.07;City of Gary-water/fire hall-22.77;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings,notices-240.86;DC Farmer's Union-monthly fuel charges-262.75;EFTPS/FWT 941 Tax-FWT Bar-448.80, City-1,030.09=1,478.89;EFTPS/OASI/SS/MT-OASI-Bar-1,140.34, City-1,884.94=3,025.28;Gary Post Office-stamps-62.50;Gate City General-supplies-64.34;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-36.50;Humana-health insurance-106.00;ITC-phone,internet,fax,alarm loop-93.31,Library-DSL,Static IP-46.45;Mike Nosbush-cell phone reimbursement & appliance recycling-200.00;MN Dept of Revenue-3rd quarter withholding-996.08;Office of Child Support-garnishment-200.00;Office Peeps-PPE supplies-568.42;Ottetail Power Co.-Electricity-783.57;Petty Cash-replenish-93.89;SD Dept of Health-coliform test & water analysis-196.00;SD Retirement-Bar-933.60, City-1,220.50=2,154.10;SMI & Hydraulics-supplies-88.88;Star Laundry-Uniforms-95.25;Unemployment Insurance-3rd qtr. wage report-6.42;Wellmark BCBS-Insurance-7,864.56.

LIQUOR-SEPTEMBER 2020 BILLS

Municipal Liquor-9,835.58;AFLAC-Premium-403.95;Anderson & Hansen Concrete-concrete work-1,963.80;Blue Tarp Financial-supplies-33.32;Cash-Wa Distributing-food/supplies-426.72;Chesterman-Pop-548.87;City of Gary-water,sewer,garbage-163.96;Culligan-monthly rental-26.25;Dan's Refrigeration-balance on walk-in cooler-4,885.00;Ellwein Bros.-Beer-8,147.75;Gary Post Office-postage-27.50;Gate City General-supplies/food-147.41;Harry's Frozen Foods-pizza-528.00;Hendricks Farmer's Lumber-supplies-623.24;Henry's Foods-Cigarettes, food, supplies-2,895.31;ITC-Phone,DSL,TV-250.44;Jim Dandy-beef jerky-81.00;Johnson Bros.-Liquor,wine, wine coolers-1,311.41;Kaiser Welding-straighten/reinforce dumpster-280.00;Menards-supplies-604.28;Minn-Kota Pest Services, Inc.-annual contract-399.00;Ottetail-Electricity-564.22;Pepsi Cola-Pop-191.24;Porter Dist. Co.-Beer, wine coolers-1,658.90;Republic National Dist.-Liquor, wine/wine coolers-2,087.28;Robin Lanners-food/supplies-78.49;SD Dept of Revenue-liquor tax-2,304.16;Southern Glazers-liquor-2,932.03;Star Laundry-towels, rugs-78.94;Stee Electric-wiring-4,827.60;Unemployment Insurance-3rd qtr wage report-7.47.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Peterson to approve the verified claims and issue warrants in payment thereof. All members voted aye, motion carried.

No public comments were heard.

Employee contributions, Committee reports, and Ward reports were heard.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Kjelden, to approve a special temporary liquor license for October 31, 2020 and November 14, 2020 for the American Legion Ballroom (Matt Spilde) at E 23' of Lot 11 and all of Lots 12, 13, 14 in Block 1 of Original Plat, Gary, SD. On-sale only. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Peterson to approve the liquor & wine license transfer from Buffalo Ridge Resort, Rick Christians, to Buffalo Ridge Resort, RJ Lotus Hospitality, LLC. All members voted aye, motion carried.

David and Jodi Mercer were present to talk to the council regarding getting water and sewer to the property they recently purchased in Gary. After much discussion it was decided to discuss this further at a future meeting.

Jen Pederson from the Gary Community Club was present to get approval to close Summit St. from First Ave. to Second Ave. on October 31, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. so they can hold a “trunk-or-treat” as part of their Halloween Party for kids this year. They also plan on having kid’s games at the ball field and hay rides for all. The Gary Legion Ladies Auxiliary will also be helping with this event. Motion by Kjelden, second by Dessler to approve. All members voted aye, motion carried.

The 2021 Bridge Approval Grant application is due in January. Mike will talk to Mark Junker before the council makes a decision on whether to apply.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Dessler to renew the annual contract with MinnKota Pest Services for preventative care in the amount of \$399.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Liquor operating agreements for the 109 Club and Buffalo Ridge Resort were reviewed. Motion by Dessler, second by Kjelden to leave the same as last year. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Since the Tour of Tables was canceled for this year, motion was made by Dessler, second by Jenson to donate the same amount as last year to the Deuel County Community Foundation. All members voted aye, motion carried.

A new security system is needed at the liquor store. Motion by Dessler, second by Darwyn Engesser to get a couple estimates and go with the one that best fits the needs of the liquor store. All members voted aye, motion carried.

After considerable discussion on allowing the liquor store to stay open on Christmas Eve until it begins to slow down, a motion was made by Kjelden to approve. For the lack of a second, a roll call vote was taken. Ayes were Kjelden, Peterson, Dessler, and Engesser. Nays were Jenson and Bekaert. Motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Peterson to approve the liquor store being open on Super Bowl Sunday in 2021 from noon until the game is over. All members voted aye, motion carried.

It was talked about adding additional lottery machines in the liquor store once the remodel is completed. This will be decided at a later date.

Motion by Dessler, second by Kjelden to order a laptop and any additional PPE equipment deemed necessary during this COVID-19 pandemic. All members voted aye, motion carried.

A formal complaint was received about traffic speeding down Coteau Street from First Avenue to the park and Buffalo Ridge. Speed limit signs were suggested, but the council felt they would like to start with keeping a log of times when it is happening and let the Sheriff’s Department know.

Building permit 2020-14 was issued to Larry Stoks for a 7.5’ x 6’ addition on the west side of his house.

Motion by Engesser, second by Dessler to go into executive session for personnel at 8:40 p.m. Mayor declared council out of executive session at 8:43 p.m.

Motion was made by Dessler to pay Bekaert the Mayor salary of \$200 per meeting retroactive to the September meeting. Second by Peterson. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Since there was no further discussion, Engesser made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Kjelden. All members voted aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

