

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:30pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Gary City Hall.

Aldermen Albert Bekaert, Clark Dessler, Darwyn Engesser, Josef Gislason, David Peterson and Robert Stee were present. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Also present were Mary & Mike Nosbush, Rachel Hinsvark, Shirley Pederson, Jason Anderson and Joni Kjelden.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Dessler, second by Stee to approve the agenda with the change in order of two-line items. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Engesser to approve the minutes of the December 29th, 2021 year end meeting. All members voted aye; motion carried.

General-December 2021 Bills-Bjerke Sanitation-Dec garbage collection-2,076.46; BDRW-508,000 gallons-1,353.40; Clear Lake Courier-proceedings/holiday ad-89.96; Deuel Co. Farmers Union-Dec fuel charges-813.87; Gate City General-supplies-16.57; HD Electric-cemetery electricity-36.50; ITC-phone, internet, fax, alarm loop-89.52, Library-51.45; Ottertail Power Co.-electricity-945.70; SD Dept of Rev & Reg-garbage/landfill tax-216.83; Star Laundry-uniforms-82.00; Stee Electric- LED Lighting-2,235.84

General-January 2022 Bills-Finance Office-1,441.19; Librarian-596.08; Streets/Parks-3,615.28; Water-730.42; Sewer-730.41; AFLAC-Premium-149.43; At&T-data connect-43.63; Bjerke Sanitation-January contract-1,940.70; Bobcat of Brookings-Bobcat repairs-3,070.69; Brookings-Deuel Rural Water-471,000gallons-1,348.95; City of Gary-water/firehall-25.89; Clear Lake Courier-proceedings, notices-145.38; Dakota Trail Blazers-150th July celebration-5,000.00; Deuel Co. Auditor-Law enforcement-517.65; Deuel Co. Farmers Union- monthly fuel charges-1,131.21; Deuel National Bank-safe deposit box rent-25.00; EFTPS/FWT 941 Tax-FWT-615.66; EFTPS/OASI/SS/MT-OASI-1,220.00; First District Assoc.-2022 membership-361.21; Florals & Finds-memorial-45.00; Gary Fire Dept-truck payment-15,000.00; Gary Post Office-stamps-69.00; Gate City General-supplies-80.83; Glacial Lakes & Prairies-2022 membership-200.00; HD Electric-Cemetery electricity-36.50; Hendricks Farmer Lumber-90.49; Independent Audit Services, PC-2020 Audit-4,600.00; ITC-phone, internet, fax, alarm loop-96.27, Library-DSL, Static IP-46.45; Jason Anderson-reimburse cell phone; 25.00; Kelsey Coners-water deposit refund-80.00; Newman Signs-Prospect Ave street sign-80.35; Office of Child Support-garnishment-200.00; Office Peeps-supplies-80.81; Ottertail Power Co.-Electricity-1,380.24; Rock Room-employee Christmas party-998.37; SD Dept of Health-coliform test-15.00; SD One Call-Oct-Dec 2021 message fees-5.25; SDPAA-additional insurance fire truck-482.60; SD Retirement-Jan contribution-876.50; Star Laundry-Uniforms-82.00; Stee Electric-30 amp outlet-905.76; Wellmark BCBS-Feb premium-1,330.62; Winwater-water tower indicator-8,500.00

Liquor- December 2021 Bills-Clear Lake Courier-Holiday ad-26.60; Culligan-monthly service-27.50; Gary Liquor Store-open jukebox 12/31-20.00; Gate City General-supplies/food-46.58; Henry's Foods-tobacco, food, supplies-2,580.24; ITC-phone, DSL, TV-248.62; Johnson Bros of SD-liquor, wine/coolers-3,257.59; Nosbush plumbing & htg-filters-70.72; Ottertail Power Co.-electricity-478.80; South Dakota Dept of Rev-liquor tax-2,149.35

Liquor-January 2022 Bills-Municipal Liquor-9,202.84; AFLAC-Premium-403.95; Chesterman-pop-737.40; City of Gary-water, sewer, garbage-175.20; Culligan-monthly service-27.50; EFTPS/FWT 941 Tax-FWT-468.15; EFTPS/OASI/SS/MT-OASI-1,126.18; Ellwein Bros.-Beer-7,520.30; Gary Post Office-stamps-29.00; Gate City General-supplies/food-36.93; Harry's Frozen Foods-pizza-514.50; Henry's Foods-tobacco, food, supplies-2,311.32; ITC-Phone, DSL, TV-246.89; Jim Dandy-jerky-135.00; Johnson Bros.-Liquor, wine/coolers-902.07; Office Peeps-supplies-176.32; Old Dutch Foods-Chips-67.50; Ottertail-Electricity-532.02; Pepsi-Cola-pop-131.36; Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-378.00; Porter Dist. Co.-Beer, wine/coolers-627.55; Republic National Dist.-Liquor, wine/coolers-848.33; Robin Lanners-reimburse cell phone & supplies-187.88; SD Dept of Revenue-liquor tax-2,022.27; SD Retirement-Jan contribution-919.34; Southern Glazers-liquor-1,111.11; Star Laundry-towels, rugs-75.40; Tony Doom Supply, Inc-wooden bar tokens-377.85; Wellmark BCBS-Feb premium-3,991.91; Motion by Engesser, second by Dessler to approve the verified claims and issue warrants in payment thereof. All members voted aye; motion carried.

No one was present for public voice.

Employee contributions, committee reports, and ward reports were heard. Jason shared price quotes for lawn mower from three different companies.

Mike Nosbush voiced his concern about the hours and prices at the restricted use site.

Members of the Gary Givers were present to ask and answer questions regarding the park project.

On a roll call vote, Engesser, Dessler, Peterson, Gislason, Stee & Bekaert all voted aye for the second reading and passage of Ordinance No. 2021-339-377; Impose additional 1% Municipal Tax. Motion carried.

On a roll call vote, Engesser, Dessler, Peterson, Gislason, Stee & Bekaert all voted aye for the second reading and passage of Ordinance No. 378, Impose 1% Municipal Gross Receipts Tax. Motion carried.

The 2021 year-end transfers to the General Fund from Video Lottery Fund-\$106,932.45 and from the Liquor Fund-\$80,000.00.

The first reading of Ordinance 2022-339-16 (water rate increase) and Ordinance 2022-339-15 (sewer rate increase) was held. The second reading and adoption of these ordinances will take place at the March 7, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Peterson to release the appropriated 2022 funds of \$15,000.00 to the Gary Fire Department to make the payment on the 2001 Ford F550 truck payment and approve the 2022 Gary Volunteer Fire Dept members and carry workman's comp insurance on those 26 members. Engesser, Dessler and Stee voted aye, Gislason abstained. Motion carried.

To keep up with the increase in product prices, motion by Dessler, second by Stee to increase all on-sale prices at the Liquor Store .25 cents. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Discussion of the Policy Handbook and employees PTO, there is no increase to hours after 10 years of employment. Motion by Bekaert, second by Dessler to increase PTO to 140 hours after 15 years, 160 after 20 years. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Council terms expiring this year are Larry Stoks-Mayor, Darwyn Engesser-Ward 1, Robert Stee-Ward 2, and Clark Dessler-Ward 3 all 2-year terms. Petitions can be picked up at the finance office beginning January 31, 2022 and must be returned to the finance office no later than 5:00 pm on February 25, 2022.

Reminder: Pet license were due January 31, 2022. Now is the time to bring proof of your pet's vaccinations to the city office and purchase your 2022 pet license.

Motion by Bekeart, second by Dessler to go into executive session at 7:30pm. All members voted aye; motion carried. Mayor declared council out of executive session at 7:41pm.

Motion by Stee, second by Dessler to hire Dave Peterson for 40 hours to help during the summer season to mow lawn at his current wage. Engesser, Gislason, Bekaert voted aye; Peterson abstained. Motion carried.

Last fall Tammy Krein from Deuel Area Development talked to the Council about what DADI does. She asked if the city would be interested in donating to this organization. Discussion now resulted in a motion by Stee, second by Engesser to donate \$1,500. All members voted aye; motion carried.

January 2022 Building Permits: Doug Hulscher

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 7th, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Gary City Hall.

Motion by Bekeart, second by Engesser to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried.

City Council, City of Gary

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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