

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Aldermen Darwyn Engesser, Mike Nosbush, Jay Grabow, Doug Nelson, Bob Stee & Albert Bekaert were present. Present also were Joni Kjelden, Austin Crocker, Robin Lanners, Neil Schumacher, Rachel Hinsvark, Mike Hinsvark and Judy Heth.

Motion by Bekaert to approve the agenda as written, second by Engesser. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush to approve the December 2nd & 5th meetings minutes, second by Stee. All voting aye; carried.

General-December 2024 Bills

Finance Office-3,142.94;Streets-3,127.59;Library-671.80;Parks-92.30;Rubble-31.84;Water-2,377.91;Sewer-928.06;Council-3,350.00;Aflac-Nov premium-165.64;AT&T-data connect-44.18;Austin Crocker-phone,mileage,conference reimburse-880.77;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage-2,519.46;BDRW-380,000 gallons-1,279.00;C&S Fire Suppression-fire extinguishers inspection-169.18;City of Clear Lake-2 hrs-200.00;City of Gary-firehall-wsg-42.80,city hall-garbage-17.00;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings, notices/holiday ad-145.55;Deuel County Sheriff's Office-law enforcement-571.20;Deuel County Farmer's Union-fuel charges-671.64,FD fuel charges-348.54;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-606.92,OASI-2,207.72;First Bank & Trust-credit card-51.28;Gary Post Office-stamps-92.50;Gate City General-supplies-12.00;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-38.76;Holiday Inn-12/9-11 Spearfish-336.00;ITC-phone, internet, fax alarm loop-116.05,Library-DSL-static IP-42.72;MN DOR-4th qtr withholding-325.07;Nitteberg Construction Co-valve & flush hydrant-5,318.50;Northern Truck Equipment Corp-dump truck sand vibrator-1,979.87;Ottetail Power Co.-electricity-1,018.65;SD DANR-safe drinking water fee-50.00;SD Public Health Labs-coliform test-15.00;SD DOR-garbage tax-300.77;SD Gov't FO Assn-2025 membership-40.00;SD Gov't HR Assn-2025 membership-25.00;SDML-2025 membership-515.00;SD Municipal street maintenance-35.00;SDRS-Dec contribution-1,113.66;SD DOL-4th qtr unemployment-11.49;Wellmark BCBS-Jan premium-2,640.66.

Liquor-December 2024 Bills

Liquor-13,930.92;Aflac-Nov pemium-482.86;C&S Fire Suppression-fire extinguishers inspection-119.17;Chesterman-pop-739.15;City of Gary-wsg-221.00;Dan's Refrigeration-service call-305.00;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-893.60,OASI-1,856.00;Ellwein Bros-beer-7,260.65;First Bank & Trust-credit card-218.67;Gary Post Office-stamps-3650;Gary Liquor Store-open jukebox-105.00;Gate City General-food-25.39;HR Executive Partners-consulting-2,898.69;Harry's Pizza-pizza-651.00;Henry's Foods-tobacco, food, supplies-2,055.97;ITC-phone,DSL,TV-250.43;Johnson Bros-liquor-957.69;Lendon James-Dec 6 entertainment-500.00;Nikki Giese-4.11 @ 8.75, reimburse-84.05;Nosbush Plumbing-softener salt-71.40;Old Dutch Foods-chips-100.92;Ottetail Power Co-electricity-571.37;Pepsi-Cola-pop-223.60;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-216.00;Porter Dist Co-beer,wine/coolers-477.50;Rangaard Electric-replace office light-LED-159.65;Republic National Dist-liquor-683.95;Robin Lanners-phone, reimburse-111.05;SD DOR-liquor sales tax-2,649.23;SDRS-Dec contribution-1,295.90;Southern Glazer's of SD-liquor-1,628.07;Star Laundry-towels,rugs-98.95;SD DOL-4th qtr unemployment-3.84;Vibe Entertainment-Dec 21 entertainment-350.00;Wellmark BCBS-Jan premium-2,640.66.

Motion by Engesser, second by Stee to approve the verified claims and issue warrants in payment thereof. All voting aye; carried.

Employee, committee, and ward reports were heard. There were no public comments.

The employee Christmas party date has changed to January 12, 2025 at the 109 Club.

Motion by Engesser, second by Bekaert to approve the rate increase with Brookings Deuel Rural Water to \$230.00 monthly minimum and \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Stee to approve the special temporary liquor license for American Legion Ballroom, E 24' of Lot 11 and all of Lots 12, 13, 14 in Block 1 of Original Plat, City of Gary, South Dakota on Sunday January 12, 2025. As well as a standing permit for Friday's & Saturdays through 2025. Subject to cancellation at any time. On-sale only. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Grabow to transfer the 2024 ending balances in the Video Lottery and Liquor Funds to the General Fund. Transfer from Video Lottery is \$116,097.57, the Liquor amount is to be determined when transactions are complete. All voting aye; carried.

Treasury note bought from SD FIT has matured, will check interest rates from local entities before next investment decision.

The CD with DNB National Bank has matured, while still in the grace period Nelson motioned to leave as is, earning 3.25% interest for the next year. Second by Grabow, all voting aye; carried.

Updating the agreement with Clear Lake, SD to utilize their employee that holds the Water Distribution certificate was approved with a motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow. All voting aye; carried.

Expiring Council terms in 2025 are two-year terms for Alderman in Ward I, Ward II, and Ward III. Motion by Engesser, second by Bekaert to set the Municipal election for April 8th, 2025. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Grabow to approve travel request for the Utilities Manager to attend the Wastewater Collection Conference in Watertown on February 11-13, 2025. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to go into executive session for personnel at 6:59 pm. All voting aye; carried. Mayor declared out at 8:16 pm.

Nelson moved to deny the appeal and affirm the termination of RH, approve Resolution 2025-01; wages, promote Ryan Evjen to full time status at the Gary Municipal Liquor Store and maintain Robin Lanners to endorse checks at the DNB National Bank. Second by Grabow, all voting aye; carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-01

BE IT RESOLVED BY The City Council of the City of Gary, South Dakota:

WHEREAS, The City Council must establish and publish salaries of all officers and employees in the minutes of the first meeting of the beginning of the fiscal year under section of (SDCL 6-1-10).

Mayor \$ 300/regular meeting, \$ 75/special meeting; Alderman \$ 150/regular meeting, \$ 75/special meeting

City Employees	per hour
Austin Crocker full time utilities manager	\$ 31.00 & attend meetings
Marion Denekamp part time internal control	\$ 23.60
Joni Kjelden full time finance officer	\$ 23.00
Hatti Kruse library assistant	\$ 7.20
Koyla Kruse librarian	\$ 12.50
Maita Mueller cleaning personnel	\$ 14.60
David Peterson part time utilities	\$ 16.50

Liquor Store Employees	per hour
Robin Lanners liquor store manager	\$25.75
Dan Roth full time	\$15.25
Ryan Evjen full time	\$12.00
Chad Giese part time	\$11.50
Eric Hansen part time	\$12.30
Carmen Kellen part time	\$10.25
Bailey Lanners part time	\$10.60
Scott Moeller part time	\$10.25
Dana Nelson part time	\$10.25
Tammy Odette part time	\$10.25
Jaci Weber part time	\$10.60
Eric Hansen cleaning personnel	\$14.60
New Hires part time	\$10.00

Minimum Wage \$11.50 per hour City Attorney \$250.00 per hour

Addendum: Finance Officer Authorization – State law allows the council to pre-approve expenditures for vendors they have service contracts with (some liquor store vendors) to prevent late fees, and approve recurring payment items such as health insurance, payroll, and its corresponding liabilities for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. Motion by _____ to approve the Finance Officer authorization to pay bills in a timely manner, second by _____. Motion carried.

Resolution passed and adopted this 6th day of January, 2025 to be effective January 1, 2025.

Larry Stoks, Mayor

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

Next regular city council meeting will be Monday February 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to adjourn. All voting aye; carried.

City Council, City of Gary

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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