

City of Gary, South Dakota  
Gary City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:30 pm  
Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 7:30 pm in the City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Aldermen Darwyn Engesser, Mike Nosbush, Jay Grabow, Doug Nelson, and Neil Schumacher were present. Jessica Christians was absent. Present also were Joni Kjelden, Austin Crocker, Albert Bekaert, Amy & Josh Knutson, and Mel Borg.

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

Motion by Nosbush, second by Engesser to approve the minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. All voting aye; carried.

**GENERAL-MAY 2025 BILLS**

Finance Office-1,873.90;Streets-2,670.87;Library-675.05;Parks-1,774.22;Restricted Use Site-190.53;Golf-1,025.20;Cemetery-790.02;Fire Dept-3.37;Water-1,216.94;Sewer-1,216.93;ABM Manufacturing- 2 picnic tables-900.00;Aflac-April premium-165.65;AT&T-data connect-44.18;Austin Crocker- cell phone-25.00;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage-2,349.45;BDRW-603,000 gallons-2,039.00;City of Gary-wsg-firehall-50.98,garbage-city hall-17.00;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings, notices-118.49;DCSO-law enforcement-588.33;DCFU-fuel charges-325.41;EFTPS/941 tax-FWT-609.03,OASI-1,825.22;First Bank & Trust-credit card charges-179.80;Gary Post Office-stamps-56.00;Gate City General-supplies-70.92;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-40.99;ITC-phone,internet,fax-95.81;Library-53.45;Mack Land Surveying, LLC-survey RUS land-945.00;Menards-supplies-18.66;Office Peeps-toner-119.27;Ottertail Power Co-electricity-729.97;Rangaard Electric-wire drinking fountain/park-428.71;SD Public Health Lab-coliform test-15.00;SD DANR-drinking, surface, storm water fees-250.00;SDRS-May contribution-1,162.78;Sun Life-April premium-465.00;Wellmark BCBS-June premium-2,640.66.

**LIQUOR-MAY 2025 BILLS**

Municipal Liquor-10,725.00; Aflac-April premium-358.83;Cash-Wa Distributing-supplies,food-856.51;Chesterman-pop-778.15;City of Gary-wsg-196.38;Dan's Refrigeration-service call/walk in cooler-305.00;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-394.08,OASI-1,356.26;Ellwein Bros-beer, wine/coolers-11,458.35;Gary Liquor Store-April & May open juke box-90.00;Gate City General-supplies,food-43.80;First Bank & Trust-credit card-276.10;Harry's Pizza-pizza-721.50;Henry's Foods-tobacco,food,supplies-1,237.61;ITC-phone,DSL,tv-250.79;Johnson Bros-liquor-2,953.40;Lizzy Hofer-May 10 entertainment-500.00;Old Dutch-chips-168.78;Ottertail Power Co-electricity-579.48;Pepsi-Cola-304.49;Pizza & Burger Shack-486.00;Porter Dist. Co- beer, wine/coolers-1,073.15;RNDC-liquor-1,390.50;Robin Lanners-cell phone-25.00;SD DOR-May liquor tax-3,694.52;SDRS-May contribution-992.82;Southern Glazer's-liquor-1,669.37;Star Laundry-towels,rugs-98.09;Wellmark BCBS-June premium-3,395.13.

**WASTEWATER-MAY 2025**

Helms & Associates-engineer improvement design-145,610.00.

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

Employee contribution, committee & ward reports were heard. Doug Hulscher accepted the cleaning personnel position at \$15.00 an hour.

There was no public input.

The first reading of Ordinance 385 "Mobile Food Vendors" was held, the second reading and adoption is scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup>.

An agreement approved at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting between the City of Gary and Joe Kolbach, regarding the installation of water and sewer to his property on Lac Qui Parle St will replace Resolution 2023-06. Resolution 2023-06 was adopted at the October 2, 2023 meeting. Motion by Grabow, second by Engesser to rescind Resolution 2023-06. All voting aye; carried.

Laura Swoboda talked about the girls and boys summer ball program sponsored by the Peden-Cole American Post 109 and Legion Auxiliary. There is a need for new equipment, money to pay entry fees and coaches. Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to give \$1,500 to American Legion & \$1,500 to Legion Auxiliary to support the program and help with costs. All voting aye; carried.

A lengthy discussion about the restrooms in the City Park was had. Volunteers have offered to do a refresh, including power washing and painting. With consideration of the buildings age, the sewer lines might not be functional for years to put much effort and cost into it. Grabow made a motion to do the refresh with painting the exterior, and camera the sewer lines, if the lines look good then hire a contractor to do the roof. Second by Engesser, all voting aye; carried.

An application submitted by Amy Knutson to rezone property at 129 Main Ave was reviewed and will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to spray mosquitos for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous event. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to surplus 15 bar stool seats to be destroyed. All voting aye; carried.

Building permits issued in May: Darwyn Engesser, Lisa Knopik, Anna Baumiller.

Motion by Grabow, second by Engesser to go into executive session for personnel at 8:46 pm. All voting aye; carried. Mayor declared out of executive session at 8:52 pm.

Motion by Engesser, second by Gabow to hire Krista Hemmingsen as part time bartender at \$10.00 an hour. All voting aye; carried.

Next regular meeting will be July 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Gary City Hall.

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

City Council, City of Gary

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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