

City of Gary, South Dakota
Gary City Council & Board of Adjustment
Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm
Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in joint session on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7:30 pm in the City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Alderman Darwyn Engesser, Mike Nosbush, Jay Grabow and Doug Nelson were present. Jessica Christians and Neil Schumacher were absent. Also, present were Joni Kjelden, Austin Crocker, Gary Hudburgh, Judy Heth and Mel Borg.

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

Motion by Nosbush, second by Nelson to approve the minutes of the September 2nd meeting. All voting aye; carried.

General- September 2025 Bills

Finance Office-2,113.70;Streets-3,737.35;Fire Dept-17.70;Rubble-175.92;Cemetery-326.14;Golf-301.46;Parks-2,347.34;Library-776.78;Water-1,678.42;Sewer-2,326.10;Council-3,600;Aflac-Aug premium-165.64;AT&T-data connect-44.19;Austin Crocker-cell phone-25.00;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage collection-2,555.68;BDRW-582,000 gallons-1,976.00;City of Gary-wsg-firehall-43.52,garbage-city hall-17.00;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings,notices-306.96;DCFU-fuel charges-3,317.70;DCSO-law enforcement-588.33;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-771.13,OASI-2,759.74;First Bank & Trust-credit card-361.20;Gary Post Office-stamps-100.00;Gate City General-supplies-25.87;HD Electric-Cemetery electricity-41.40;ITC-phone,internet,fax,alarm loop-98.97,Library-DSL,static IP-53.45;Larry Stoks-166 miles @ .655-108.73;Lincoln County Hwy Dept-culvert-277.12;Menards-supplies-31.34;MN Dept of Rev-3rd qtr-644.10;Nosbush Plbg & Htg-park repairs-164.29;Ottertail Power Co.-electricity-865.91;Ron's Saw Sales-supplies-79.98;Runnings-supplies-214.95;SD Public Health Labs-coliform test-20.00;SDRS-Sept contribution-1,315.22;SD DOL-3rd qtr re-employment-12.53;Sun Life-Sept premium-465.00;Wellmark BCBS-Oct premium-2,640.66

Liquor-September 2025 Bills

Municipal Liquor-11,732.72;Aflac-Aug premium-358.83;Arizona Pepper Sauce-hot honey mustard-114.00;BlackFork Spirits, LLC-liquor-159.84;Cask & Cork-liquor-396.00;Chesterman-pop-472.65;City of Gary-wsg-180.21;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-516.31,OASI-1,488.42;Ellwein Bros-beer-11,066.35;First Bank & Trust-credit card-532.92;Gary Municipal Liquor Store-Sept 27 entertainment-350.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-39.00;Gate City General-supplies-12.34;Harry's Pizza-pizza-540.00;Henry's Foods-tobacco,food,supplies-2,177.21;ITC-phone,DSL,TV-251.67;Johnson Bros-liquor-2,415.77;Nosbush Plbg & Htg-water softener rental-49.38;Old Dutch-chips-208.56;Ottertail Power Co.-electricity-678.83;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-216.00;Porter Dist-beer/wine coolers-904.70;RNDC-liquor-1,411.00;Robin Lanners-cell phone, reimburse-79.67;SD Lottery-2026 renewal-100.00;SD DOR-liquor sales tax-2,873.87;Southern Glaziers-liquor-1,057.70;SDRS-Sept contribution-1,133.96;Star Laundry-rugs, bar towels-87.92;SD DOL-3rd qtr re-employment-4.18;Wellmark BCBS-Oct premium-3,395.13.

Wastewater-September 2025 Bills

Helms & Associates-mtg,stakings,survey-34,160.58;D&G Excavating, Inc-construction-165,413.81

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

Employee contribution, Committee, and Ward reports were heard.

Public input: Judy Heth asked about the wastewater project, Mel Borg questioned asphalt for Grand Blvd.

Gary Hudburgh representing SotaSoDak gave an update on the projects his organization is working on.

The sixth payment request from the State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$194,585 was approved to send in with a motion by Nelson, second by Grabow. All voting aye; carried.

A change order increasing the overall wastewater project of \$6,667.55 was reviewed. Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to approve change order #1. All voting aye; carried.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, HB 1130 An Act to provide permissible dates for municipal and school district elections was passed. Since this bill affects the date of our previous elections, Grabow moved to change future elections to November (the second Tuesday after the first Monday) second by Engesser. All voting aye; carried.

The radio transmitters that read water meters electronically are getting outdated. After discussion Grabow moved to purchase new supplies, second by Engesser. All voting aye; carried. Once supplies have arrived, Utilities will be contacting residents for installation.

The 2026 Liquor Operating Agreements with Buffalo Ridge Resort & Spa, LLC and the 109 Club were reviewed. Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to approve the operating agreements and renew the 2026 Liquor and Wine Licenses for the Municipal Liquor Store, the 109 Club and Buffalo Ridge Resort & Spa, LLC. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to prepay \$541.50 for pest control with Minn-Kota Pest Services at the liquor store. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to convene jointly as Board of Adjustment and City Council. All voting aye; carried. A public hearing was held for a variance request by Anna Baumiller to relax the front yard setback to allow enough room to put a house on her property. With no public concern Grabow motioned to approve the request, second by Engesser. All voting aye; carried. Mayor declared adjournment and convene as City Council only.

Other items discussed before adjourning was the wastewater surcharge to all property owners, ACH payments for utility bills and stabilization pond inspection results.

Building permits issued in September: Joe Kolbach, Dorrin Cross

Next regular meeting will be Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

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

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Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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