

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

The Gary City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Gary City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Alderman Darwyn Engesser, Mike Nosbush, Jay Grabow, Doug Nelson, Jessica Christians, and Neil Schumacher were present. Also present, Joni Kjelden, Austin Crocker, Koyla Kruse, Melinda Jenson, Kellen Marson, Bob Bauman, Judy Heth, and Jen Pederson.

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

Motion by Schumacher, second by Engesser to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 meeting. All voting aye; carried.

**General-August 2025 Bills**

Finance Office-2,002.90;Streets-3,539.69;Fire Dept-28.20;RUS-180.54;Cemetery-615.51;Golf-638.66;Parks-2,720.51;Library-611.20;Water-1,208.81;Sewer-1,280.81;Aflac-July premium-165.64;AT&T-data connect-44.19;Austin Crocker-cell phone-25.00;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage-2,638.54;Bob Stee-water deposit refund x2-124.72;BDRW-527,000 gallons-1,811.00;Canby Print Shop-envelopes, carbon receipts-257.65;City of Gary-water,sewer,garbage-firehall-45.41,garbage-city hall-17.00;Clear Lake Courier-city notices, proceedings-108.86;DCFU-fuel charges-2,111.62;DC Sheriff's Office-law enforcement-588.33EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-682.30,OASI-2,060.68;Fritz Chevrolet-side steps-526.06;Gary Post Office-stamps, annual box fee-262.00;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-41.19;ITC-phone,internet,fax, alarm loop-99.85,library-53.45;Menards-supplies-19.98;Ottertail Power Co-electricity-804.79;Ron's Saw Sales-supplies-63.99;Runnings-supplies-98.95;Secretary of State-filing fee-5.00;SD Public Health Labs-coliform test-20.00;SDRS-Aug contribution-1,213.70;SD DOR-garbage tax-354.88;Sun Life-Aug premium-465.00;Toshua Krantz-water deposit refund-37.95;Wellmark BCBS-Sept premium-2,640.66.

**Liquor-August 2025 Bills**

Liquor-13,378.56;Aflac-July premium-358.83Canby Print Shop-envelopes, carbon receipts-257.66;Cash Wa Dist-food & supplies-1,617.77;Cask & Cork-beer-436.75;City of Gary-water,sewer,garbage-201.00;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-647.58,OASI-1,750.40;Ellwein Bros-beer-10,099.70;First Bank & Trust-credit card charges-183.75;Gary Post Office-stamps-39.00;Gate City General-food-18.92;Harry's Pizza-pizza-742.50;Henry's Foods-tobacco,food,supplies-1,919.41;ITC-phone,DSL,TV-250.94;Johnson Bros-liquor-4,036.72;Old Dutch Foods-chips-116.58;Ottertail Power Co-electricity-645.88;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-252.00;Porter Dist-beer,wine/coolers-876.05;Republic National Dist-liquor-393.47;Robin Lanners-cell phone-25.00;SDRS-Aug contribution-1,272.66;SD DOR-Aug sales tax-3,627.89;Southern Glaziers-liquor-1,081.47;Star Laundry-rugs, towels-;The Broken Oak-Aug 1 entertainment-500.00;Vibe Entertainment-Aug 23 entertainment-350.00;Wellmark BCBS-Sept premium-3,395.13.

**Wastewater-August 2025 Bills**

Helms & Associates-mtgs,staking,survey-11,600.79;D & G Excavating, Inc-construction-127,408.12.

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

Employee, Committee & Ward reports were heard.

Public Input: Judy Heth asked about locating utilities prior to construction starting by her property.

Second reading of Ordinance 384-2; rezone Lot 1 Thorpe Addn was held. Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to adopt. Roll call vote, all aye; carried.

Second reading of the 2026 Appropriation Ordinance #386 was held. Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to adopt. Roll call vote, all aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to accept the proposal from Ben Elliott, CPA to complete the 2025-year end audit for a fixed rate of \$6,500. All voting aye; carried.

With the low price of cardboard recycling, we no longer have anyone to pick up at our location. Council discussed the option of hauling the trailer to Clear Lake, returning with an empty one for continued use. Maintaining a cardboard trailer is important to keep cardboard out of the garbage truck. Motion by Grabow, second by Schumacher to haul the trailer to Clear Lake as needed. All voting aye; carried. Please be sure to break down boxes and stack neatly to maximize trailer space.

Kellen Marson & Bob Bauman representing Clear Lake Baseball Association spoke to the Council about an opportunity to host baseball games at Legion Field. After a lengthy discussion, no decision was made but will be revisited at a future meeting.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Engesser to fill the propane tanks at the Firehall, Liquor Store and City Hall utilizing the summer fill rate @ \$1.49 with Deuel County Farmers Union and contract 2,000 gallons at \$1.59. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nelson to accept the 2026 Law Enforcement contract with Deuel County. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Engesser to approve the letter of acceptance from the DLA for the 2024-year end Audit. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nelson to renew the Video Lottery License for 2026 at the Gary Liquor Store. All voting aye; carried.

The fifth payment request from the State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$199,574 was approved to send in with a motion by Nelson, second by Grabow. All voting aye; carried.

Building permits issued in August: Melinda Baker, Jeff Engesser.

Next regular council meeting will be October 6, 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

Published September 10, 2025

Published once at an approximate cost of \$