

City of Gary, South Dakota
City Council Year End Meeting
Monday, December 29, 2025 at 5:00 pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in session on Monday, December 29, 2025, at 5:00 pm for the year end meeting at the Gary City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Present were Aldermen Neil Schumacher, Mike Nosbush, Jay Grabow, Jessica Christians, Doug Nelson, and Darwyn Engesser. Also, present were Joni Kjelden, Austin Crocker, Robin Lanners, David Peterson, Albert Bekaert, Marlene Schumacher, John DesLauriers, Gloria Dessler, Jeff & Billie Jo Nordseth, Brian Stone, Pat Sears, Dave Mercer, Jim Kellen, Jerry Tongen, Shirley Denekamp, Karen Keimig, Linda Weir, Bev Koeppen, Craig Stone, Rod & Patty Meadors, Lori Nosbush, Marilyn Koeppen, Sherry Hemmingson, Rachel Hinsvark, Jodie Engesser, Mary Nosbush, & Judy Heth.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Engesser to approve the agenda with the omission of line item 9. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Nosbush to approve the minutes of the December 1st, 2025 regular meeting. All voting aye; carried.

General-December 2025 Bills

Finance Office-3,475.54;Streets-3,389.82;FD-73.50;Library-601.95;Water-2,050.49;Sewer-1,577.80;Council-4,350.00;ABM Manufacturing-snow plow repairs-2,650.00;Aflac-Nov premium-165.64;AT&T-data connect-44.69;Austin Crocker-cell phone-25.00;BDRW-410,000 gallons-1,505.00;C & S Fire Suppression-annual fire ext inspection-45.48,fire dept-43.45;City of Gary-wsg-firehall-89.93,city hall-garbage & surcharges-168.20;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings,notices-137.81;Deuel County Comm Foundation-donation-400.00;DCFU-fuel charges-1,024.49;DCSO-law enforcement-588.33;DNB-ach trans fee-14.69;EFTPS/941 tax-FWT-705.43,OASI-2,480.02;Gary PO-stamps-100.00;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-41.94;Helsper, McCarty & Rasmussen, PC-Nov Atty fees-2,450.00;HK Hydro Klean-rehab one control structure-6,008.90;ITC-phone,internet,fax,alarm loop-99.67,Library-DSL,static IP-53.45;Koyla Kruse-reimburse-51.45;Menards-door handle-44.39;Milbank Winwater-connector pack-64.68;MN DOR-4th qtr with holding-526.44;Nosbush Plbg & Htg-thermostat/shop-188.78;Office Peeps-toner,belt-329.64;Ottetail Power Co-757.77;SD DANR-safe drinking water fee-50.00;SD Public Health Lab-coliform test-20.00;SD Gov't FO-2026 FO membership-50.00;SD Gov't HR-2026 HR membership-25.00;SDML-2026 membership-532.00;SD Street Maintenance-2026 street membership-35.00;SDRS-Dec contribution-1,244.38;SD DOL-2024 reemployment-2.42, 4th qtr-4.30;Sun Life-Dec premium-465.00;Wellmark BCBS-Jan premium-2,716.52.

Liquor-December 2025 Bills

Liquor-11,966.48;Aflac-Nov premium-358.83;C&S Fire Suppression-annual fire ext inspection-45.47;Cash-Wa Dist-food & supplies-879.55;Cask & Cork-beer-624.00;Chesterman-pop-413.80;City of Gary-wsg-213.81;Doll Dist-beer-6,878.35;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-548.85,OASI-1,512.04;Ellwein Bros-beer-1,057.90;First Bank & Trust-credit card-83.16;Gary PO-stamps-39.00;Harry's-pizza-1,018.50;Henry's Foods-tobacco,food,supplies-3,172.83;ITC-phone,DSL,TV-252.29;Johnson Bros-liquor-2,713.25;Karaoke 4 Life-Dec 27 entertainment-350.00;Layton Lee-Dec 20 entertainment-450.00;Maxwell Food Equipment-15 bar stool seats-1,516.50;Nosbush Plbg & Htg-softner salt-80.61;Office Peeps-inkjet printer/copier-374.00;Old Dutch Foods-chips-88.74;Ottetail Power Co-621.01;Pepsi-Cola-pop-333.50;Porter Dist-beer,wine/coolers-2,050.25;RNDC-liquor-493.95;Robin Lanners-cell phone-25.00;SD DOL-4th qtr-2.15;SDRS-Dec contribution-1,168.94;Southern Glazer's of SD-liquor-1,376;Star Laundry-towels, rugs-92.15;Wellmark BCBS-Jan premium-3,492.68.

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

Public input: Jodie Engesser spoke about the properties they capped the sewer lines on, asked about the multi meter ordinance, and an email she received.

Motion by Engesser, second by Grabow to enter executive session for personnel at 5:09 pm. All voting aye; carried. Mayor declared out at 5:27 pm. No action was taken.

With the cardboard recycling trailer being discontinued, options for continuing the service are being discussed. More information is needed before a decision can be made.

Council discussed overlay options for the streets in the sewer project construction area, rather than leaving the roads with patchwork repairs.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nelson to approve the rate increase with Brookings Deuel Rural Water to \$275 monthly minimum and \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used. All voting aye; carried

The Employee Christmas party will be held at The 109 Club on January 11th. Grabow moved to approve the date and place, second by Schumacher. All voting aye; carried.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 387- Supplement 2025 Appropriations was passed with a motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush. Roll call vote, Schumacher, Nosbush, Grabow, Christians, Nelson, Engesser, aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Engesser to transfer \$16,927.00 from the contingency fund and approve resolution 2025-03 as follows:

CITY OF GARY
RESOLUTION 2025-03
2025 CONTINGENCY TRANSFER

TRANSFER OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the following departments within the General Fund could be over expended for the year 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Gary, South Dakota transfers \$16,927.00 available in contingency funds in the following manner:

General Fund – 101

411.3 - Publishing	\$100.00
412.1 - Mayor/Council	\$1,800.00
414.2 - Finance Office	\$4,000.00
431.7 - Snow Removal	\$1,000.00
431.6 - Street Lighting	\$100.00
437 - Cemetery	\$1,350.00
441.3 - West Nile	\$1,277.00
451.0 - Golf	\$700.00
465.3 - Promoting City	\$6,600.00
Total:	\$16,927.00

Adopted by the Gary City Council this 29th day of December, 2025 for immediate passage:

CITY OF GARY

(seal)

Mayor, Larry Stoks

ATTEST:

Finance Officer
All voting aye; carried.

Nelson moved, second by Grabow to transfer 100% of the 2025 ending balance from the Video Lottery and all but a couple thousand dollars from the Liquor Funds to the General Fund. Actual amounts to be determined when 2025 transactions are complete. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Nosbush to renew the CD with DNB National Bank at an interest rate of 2.95% for 12 months. All voting aye; carried.

To maintain a three-month renewal schedule with SD FIT, Nelson moved to purchase a 12-month treasury note for \$250,000 at an interest rate of 3.30-3.35%, second by Schumacher. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to declare DNB National Bank the official bank depository and Clear Lake Courier as the legal newspaper for the City of Gary for 2026. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nelson to approve the special standing 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 for Fridays & Saturdays through 2026. Subject to cancellation at any time. On-sale only. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Engesser, to renew Sun Life Dental & Vision policy. All voting aye; carried. Employee, Committee, and Ward Reports were heard.

Motion by Grabow, second by Schumacher to enter executive session for personnel at 6:16 pm. All voting aye; carried. Mayor declared out at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Engesser to approve resolution 2026-01 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-01

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	\$ 32.86	& attend meetings
Marion Denekamp	part time internal control	\$ 24.24	
Doug Hulscher	cleaning personnel	\$ 15.41	
Joni Kjelden	full time finance officer	\$ 23.62	
Hatti Kruse	library assistant	\$ 11.85	
Koyla Kruse	librarian	\$ 12.84	
David Peterson	part time utilities	\$ 16.95	

Liquor Store Employees		per hour	
Robin Lanners	liquor store manager	\$ 27.75	
Dan Roth	full time	\$ 16.20	
Ryan Evjen	full time	\$ 14.00	
Chad Giese	part time	\$ 11.85	
Nicole Giese	part time	\$ 11.85	
Lindsey Gratz	part time	\$ 11.85	
Eric Hansen	part time	\$ 12.75	
Carmen Kellen	part time	\$ 11.85	
Bailey Lanners	part time	\$ 11.85	
Scott Moeller	part time	\$ 11.85	
Dana Nelson	part time	\$ 11.85	
Tammy Odette	part time	\$ 11.85	
Jaci Weber	part time	\$ 11.85	
Eric Hansen	cleaning personnel	\$ 14.75	
New Hires	part time	\$ 11.85	

Minimum Wage \$11.85 per hour City Attorney \$275.00 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 ____ day of December, 2025 to be effective January 1, 2026.

Larry Stoks, Mayor

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

All voting aye; carried.

Building permit issued in December: Craig Otto.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Gary City Hall.

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

City Council, City of Gary

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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