

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in regular session Monday November 3, 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, Jessica Christians, and Neil Schumacher were present. Also, present were Joni Kjelden, Austin Crocker, Robin Lanners, Mark Junker, Patti Haas, Sara Guest, Jodie Engesser, Lori Nosbush, Melinda Baker, Ashley Baker, Johanna Wyman, Sharon Kloos, Tina Moeller, Rachel Hinsvark, Kimberly Meyen, Mel Borg, Mary Nosbush, James DeBoer, Marty Grabow, Jordan Hinsvark and Mike Hinsvark.

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

Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting. All voting aye; carried.

General- October 2025 Bills

Finance Office-1,811.25;Fire Dept-12.82;Streets-2,390.50;Rubble-113.41;Cemetery-231.81;Golf-143.50;Parks-809.47;Library-652.75;Water-1,391.44;Sewer-2,401.41;Aflac-Sept premium-165.64;AT&T-data connect-44.19;Austin Crocker-cell phone-25.00;Bjerke Sanitation-Oct garbage-2,555.61;BDRW-604,000 gallons-2,042.00;Christianson Plbg & Htg-Grand Blvd-13,572.00;City of Gary-water,sewer,garbage-firehall-41.74,garbage-city hall-17.00;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings,notices-66.83;D&L Digging-repair water leak-950.00;DCFU-monthly fuel charges-1,625.27;DCSO-law enforcement-588.33;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-1,593.20,OASI-463.31;Gary Post Office-stamps-100.00;Gate City General-supplies-60.93;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-41.67;ITC-phone,internet,fax,alarm loop-98.19;Library,DSL, Static IP-53.45;Menards-supplies-15.86;Mueller Co-annual EZ reader maintenance-1,275.96;Office Peeps-toner-123.46;Ottertail Power Co-electricity-815.07;SD Public Health Lab-coliform test-40.00;SD DOR-garbage tax-320.62;SD One Call-July-Sept messages-48.30;SDRS-Oct contribution-1,065.92;State Line Tree Service-tree removal-3,000.00;Sun Life- October premium-465.00;Wellmark BCBS-November premium-2,640.66.

Liquor- October 2025 Bills

Liquor-11,297.84;Aflac-Sept premium-358.83;Broken Oak-Oct 11 entertainment-500.00;Cash-WA Dist-food/supplies-834.32;Cask&Cork-liquor-176.00;Chesterman-pop-527.90;City of Gary-water,sewer,garbage-172.13,2026 on/off sale liquor license renewal-600.00;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-461.91,OASI-1,449.66;Ellwein Bros-beer-6,078.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-39.00;Gate City General-food/supplies-43.76;First Bank & Trust-credit card-206.76;Harry's Pizza-978.00;Henry's Foods-tobacco,food,supplies-2,462.03;ITC-phone,DSL-TV-251.32;Jim Dandy-jerky-99.00;Johnson Bros-liquor-3,923.75;Minn-Kota Pest Services-annual prepaid pest services-541.50;Neon Gypsy-Oct 18 entertainment-400.00;Nosbush Plbg & Htg-AC unit-3,006.92;Old Dutch Foods-chips-170.52;Ottertail Power Co-electricity-620.19;Peer Pressure Sound-Oct 25 entertainment-300.00;Pepsi-Cola-pop-360.41;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-270.00;Porter Dist Co-beer,wine/coolers-1,154.75;Rangaard Electric, Inc-service call-215.84;RNDC-liquor-1,161.65;Robin Lanners-cell phone-25.00;SD DOR-sales tax-3,187.48;SDRS-Oct contribution-1,056.76;Southern Glaziers-liquor-874.92;Technicolor Screen Printing-apparel-5,371.51;Star Laundry-towels, rugs-90.56;Vibe Entertainment-Oct 31 entertainment-350.00;Wellmark BCBS-November premium-3,395.13.

Wastewater- October 2025 Bills

D&G Excavating, Inc-construction-156,910.47;Helms & Associates-soil testing,survey,observation-37,674.49.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Engesser 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: Jodie Engesser asked to talk to just the council, resulting in all employees asked to leave the open meeting. Some of those in attendance voiced complaints regarding employees.

Mark Junker, with Banner Associates Engineer Firm discussed the inspection results of the Lac Qui Parle & Second Ave bridges. The council plans to review in detail again in the spring and decide on repairing or replacing the bridges.

Jordan Hinsvark owns vacant property with no planned use that currently has water and sewer services. He asked whether capping the services would allow him to avoid paying the surcharge. Motion by Grabow, second by Schumacher if water and sewer is capped at property line, surcharge can be excluded. All voting aye, carried. The city needs to be informed of anyone wishing to do this and must receive proof once it is completed.

The seventh payment request from the State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$436,979 was approved to send in with a motion by Nosbush, second by Engesser. All voting aye; carried

A proposal to implement the ACH payment method for utility bills was discussed. This option would allow customers, regardless of their financial institution to have their utility bill automatically paid at no cost to them. Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to proceed with the ACH feature. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Grabow to renew the current Wellmark BCBS health insurance policy at the 2026 rates. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to renew 2026 SDML Worker's Comp. All voting aye; carried. A complete list of covered employees, officials and volunteers is on file at the city office.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Engesser to close the Liquor Store at 10:00 pm on Christmas Eve. All voting aye; carried.

A discussion to advertise in 2026, the Liquor Store happenings on KXLG radio for \$600/yr was held. Nelson moved to advertise, second by Schumacher. Engesser, Nelson, Christians, Schumacher, aye; Nosbush, no; Grabow, Absent; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to enter executive session at 8:33 pm for personnel and legal matters. All voting aye; carried. Mayor declared out of executive session at 8:51 pm.

Building permits issued in October: Jodie Engesser

The next council meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Gary City Hall.

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

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Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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