

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:30 pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in session on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:30 pm in the City Hall. The pledge of allegiance was said. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Aldermen Neil Schumacher, Mike Nosbush, Darwyn Engesser, Jay Grabow, Doug Nelson, & Jessica Christians were present. Also present, Joni Kjelden, Austin Crocker, Albert Bekaert, Dave Mercer, Mel Borg, Gary Hudiburgh, Luccus Ippolito, Ryan Kohl, Rod & Patty Meadors, Judy Heth, Rachel Hinsvark, Jodie Engesser, Darren Engesser, Jennifer Pederson, and Andy Nosbush.

Motion by Engesser, second by Grabow to approve the agenda with omitting line item #8. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to approve the minutes of the March 2nd regular meeting and the March 16th Local Review Board Meeting. All voting aye; carried.

General- March 2026 Bills

Finance Office-1,983.08;Fire Dept-73.97;Streets-3,774.17;Cemetery-31.19;Parks-592.57;Library-596.64;Water-1,202.91;Sewer-1,207.82;Council-2,775.00;Aflac-Feb premium-165.64;AT&T-data connect-44.69;Austin Crocker-cell phone-25.00;Banner Associates, Inc-LQP box culvert-846.00;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage-2,963.64;BDRW-403,000 gallons-1,548.75;City of Gary-wsg-firehall-83.38,city hall-171.20;Clear Lake Courier-city notices/proceedings-210.14;DCFU-fuel charges-1,758.72;DCSO-law enforcement-605.90;DNB National Bank-ACH transaction fee-15.32;EFTPS/941 Tax-OASI-1,954.12,FWT-481.97;First Bank & Trust-credit card-112.28;Gary Givers-1/2 cost of 7/4 band-3,000.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-100.00;Gary Rodeo, LLC-2026 advertising-7,500.00;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-61.90;Helsper, McCarty & Rasmussen, PC-Feb attorney fees-3,245.00;Hydro Klean, LLC-rehabilitate 2 control structures-18,795.60;ITC-internet,phone,fax-94.53,Library-DSL, static IP-53.45;Kibble Equipment-trade in X754 JD-6,800.00;Menards-supplies-42.39;Minn-Kota Pest-prepaid services-498.75;MN DOR-1st qtr-325.05;Ottertail Power Co-electricity-642.16;Rangaard Electric-lights-958.65-Ron's Saw Shop-supplies-93.00;Rubin Construction, LLC-valve replace-6,350.00;SD Public Health Lab-coliform test-20.00;SD Dept of Labor & Reg-1st qt re-employment-51.40;SDRS-March contribution-1,122.94;Sun Life-March premium-493.87;Wellmark BCBS-April premium-2,716.52.

Liquor- March 2026 Bills

Liquor-10,826.02;Aflac-Feb premium-358.83;Buller Fixture Co-chairs, tables-1,198.00;Cash-Wa Dist-supplies/food-877.55;City of Clear Lake-liquor permits-200.00;City of Gary-wsg-239.88;Chesterman-pop-497.00;CoreMark-tobacco,food,supplies-3,391.43;Doll Dist-beer-7,070.95;EFTPS/941 Tax-OASI-1,357.86,FWT-363.21;First Bank & Trust-credit card-212.31;Gary Post Office-stamps-39.00;Gate City General-supplies-24.97;Harry's Pizza-pizza-549.50;ITC-phone,DSL,TV-253.59;Johnson Bros-liquor-4,627.86;Matt Gauger-3/7 entertainment-345.00;Mike Miller-supplies-225.00;Old Dutch-food-161.82;Ottertail Power Co-electricity-676.10;Pepsi-Cola-pop-372.13;Porter Dist-beer-1,692.70;Rangaard Electric-lights-102.54;RNDC-liquor-1,679.85;Robin Lanners-cell phone-25.00;SD DOR-March liquor sales tax-3,033.58;SDRS-March contribution-1,011.62;SDPAA-liability ins 6/6 wedding-75.00;Southern Glazer's-liquor-668.46;Star Laundry-bar towels, rugs-98.25;SD Dept of Labor & Reg-1st qtr reemployment-30.83;Wellmark BCBS-April premium-3,492.68.

Wastewater- March 2026

D & G Excavating-construction-83,755.61;Helms & Associates-observation,mtgs-10,687.50.

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

Public comment: Ryan Kohl introduced himself as a candidate running for District 4 House of Representatives, Darren Engesser spoke about the heating system at the Firehall, Andy Nosbush spoke about a filed complaint.

The board completed the third first reading of Ordinance 2026-388; and confirmed final revisions. The updated ordinance will be sent to American Legal for preparation of the final draft for adoption.

Jennifer Pederson submitted an on-off sale Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine application for the Gate City General Store and outlined her intended use for the license. A public hearing on the application will be held May 4, at which time any interested persons may appear and be heard regarding approval or rejection of the request.

Council discussed the Lac Qui Parle box culvert project and reviewed the requests to continue preliminary drawings. Concerns regarding the wing wall were noted, Banner Associates will be contacted to confirm specifications prior to finalized drawings.

The eleventh payment request from the State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$40,551.00 was approved to send in with a motion by Engesser, second by Grabow. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Grabow to renew the contract with Code Enforcement Specialist for 2026 and pay the \$1,500 retainer fee. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nelson to approve the 2025 annual report and file with the Dept of Legislative Audit. All voting aye; carried.

The 2025 Drinking Water report for the City of Gary was reviewed. Nosbush motioned to accept the results and distribute to customers, second by Schumacher. All voting aye; carried. The full report is available at City Hall and online at www.garysd.com.

Motion by Engesser, second by Grabow to renew the annual Banyon software support for \$2,764.00. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to renew the 2026 membership with SDARWS, South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems for \$385.00. All voting aye; carried.

Approved travel and lodging for Finance Officer to attend FO school in Oacoma, June 10-12 with a motion by Grabow, second by Engesser. All voting aye; carried.

Motion to reserve portable toilets for the July celebration by Grabow, second by Nosbush. All voting aye; carried.

Building permits issued in March: Anna Baumiller

Employee contribution, committee & ward reports were heard. A full inventory was done at the liquor store April 1.

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2026, 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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