

City of Gary, South Dakota
City Council Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7:30 pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in regular session Monday August 3, 2026 at 7:30 pm at Gary City Hall.

The pledge of allegiance was said. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Alderman Neil Schumacher, Darwyn Engesser, Mike Nosbush, Jay Grabow, Doug Nelson & Jessica Lambertz were present. Also present were Austin Crocker, Albert Bekaert, Linda Rol, Mel Borg, Marilyn Koeppen, Judy Heth, John Deslauriers, Leon Kaiser, Angel Oeltjenbruns, and Jen Pederson.

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

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

General- July 2026 Bills- Aflac-June premium-165.64;AT&T-data connect-44.69;Austin Crocker-cell phone-25.00;Avid Hawk, LLC-domain renewal-25.00;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage-2,954.67;BDRW-642,000 gallons-2,361.50;City of Gary-wsg-firehall-88.63,garbage,surcharges-251.20;CL Building Center, Inc-keypad door handle-156.00;CL Courier-proceedings, notices-78.41;D & G Excavating, Inc-road prep-45,914.85;DCSO-law enforcement-605.90;DCFU-fuel charges-401.00;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-548.62,OASI-2,010.02;Evolv, Inc-non-compliance fee-39.95;Farmward Coop-tractor tire patch-129.98;First Bank & Trust-credit card-101.62;Gary PO-stamps-65.00;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-61.36;Helsper,McCarty & Rasmussen-June atty fees-275.00;ITC-phone,internet,fax,alarm loop-109.59,Library-static IP-53.45;Independent Audit Services-2025 audit less 25%-4,875.00;Menards-supplies-10.99;Nosbush Plbg & Htg-filters-64.00;OTPCO-electricity-916.12;Riteway Business Forms-utility bills-274.40;Rons Saw Sales-throttle cable-24.65;SDPAA-liabilty prop insurance-38,920.45;SD Public Health Lab-coliform test-20.00;SD One Call-Apr-June messages-19.95;SDRS-July contribution-1,150.52;Sun Life-July premium-493.87;Wellmark BCBS-Aug premium-2,716.52.

Liquor- July 2026 Bills- Aflac-June premium-358.83;Chesterman-pop-355.55;City of Gary-wsg-249.12;CoreMark-tobacco,food,supplies-2,139.53;Doll Distributing, LLC-beer-4,038.75;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-730.08,OASI-2,152.54;First Bank & Trust-credit card-243.77;Harry's Pizza-pizza-1,069.50;Henry's Foods-tobacco, food, supplies-1,041.32;ITC-phone,DSL,TV-253.05;Jim Dandy-jerky-198.00;Johnson Bros-liquor-1,419.62;Lendon James-July 31 entertainment-250.00;My Favorite Headache-July 2 entertainment-600.00;Old Dutch-chips-87.00;OTPCO-electricity-684.85;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-261.00;Porter Dist, Co-beer, wine/coolers-2,555.90;Robin Lanners-cell phone-25.00;Southern Glazers-liquor-1,601.53;SDRS-July contribution-1,367.00;SD DOR-liquor sales tax-4,800.42;Star Laundry-towels,rugs-133.76;Wellmark BCBS-Aug premium-3,492.68.

Wastewater- July 2026 Bills- D & G Excavating, Inc-construction-282,764.11; Helms & Associates-construction observation, project coordinate-14,854.50

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

Public comment: Judy Heth gave thanks for the boulevard work in conjunction with the wastewater project. Leon Kaiser gave thanks to the city on behalf of Four Moons Rising Rendezvous. Linda Rol questioned the placement of a previously approved storage container. John Deslauriers gave thanks for the work and completion of the wastewater project & road work. Angel Oeltjenbruns gave an update on Gate City Development Assn. Jen Pederson gave thanks for her sewer project and asked about cardboard recycling.

Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2026-388 passed on a roll call vote. Schumacher, Engesser, Nosbush, Grabow, Nelson, Lambertz aye. Carried.

Resolution 2026-04; establishing a Master Fee Schedule to coincide with the updated and adopted Ordinance Codes was presented as follows

RESOLUTION 2026-04

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gary, South Dakota, that the following Master Fee Schedule is hereby adopted as the official schedule of fees and charges established by the City Council.

Services

Copies

Black & white .50 per page

Color .75 per page

Fax 1.00 per page

Animals

Annual Dog/Cat license
(with proof of rabies vaccination) 10.00

Golf

annual family membership	100.00
annual single membership	75.00
daily fee	10.00

Cemetery

each gravesite	100.00
Perpetual care (burial-interment)	100.00

Permits

unlicensed motor vehicle	10.00
mobile food vendor	25.00 / 10 days
temporary business	10.00 / 10 days
peddling & soliciting	10.00 / day
burn permit	10.00

Noxious Weeds

weed removal- first hour	100.00
additional hours	75.00
minimum charge	100.00

Water Rates & Fees

maintenance & administrative fee	12.00
per 1,000 gallons of water used	6.00
deposit	80.00
reconnection	40.00
late fee	10%
tapping fee	150.00

Sewer Rates & Fees

maintenance & administrative fee	12.00
per 1,000 gallons of water used	4.50
tapping fee	150.00

Restricted Use Site

Non-Resident Fees	plus tax
Semi loads	200.00
Dump truck or grain trailer	100.00
Dump trailer (all sizes)	50.00
Pickup or small trailer	35.00
Any item with refrigerant	30.00
Each appliance	15.00
Water heater	15.00
Resident Fees	
Any item with refrigerant	15.00
Each appliance	15.00
Water heater	15.00
After hours	15.00

Penalties

general penalty 10.99	500.00
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Passed and adopted this 3rd day of August, 2026.

APPROVED:

(Seal)

Larry Stoks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to approve resolution 2026-04. All voting aye; carried.

Deuel County Emergency Management requested that the city discontinue use of the historic siren as a routine noon and 6:00 PM whistle, citing confusion with actual emergency alerts and reduced public responsiveness. The concern emphasized that emergency warning systems should be reserved solely for true emergencies to maintain clarity and effectiveness.

Mel Borg presented an idea for phase two of updating the city park bathroom.

Properties identified by the Code Enforcer as being in violations have been notified by letter. When nuisance properties remain noncompliant after the specific period, a final notice is sent and the matter is brought before the council to determine how to proceed. At this time, the mayor has addressed both properties with the respective owners.

First reading of 2027 Appropriations Ordinance No. 389 was held. The second reading is scheduled for the next regular meeting.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to renew the Video Lottery License for 2027 at the Gary Liquor Store. All voting aye; carried.

The annual 5K at the Gary Liquor Store will be September 19th. Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to open the bar at 8:00 am allowing for registrations. All voting aye; carried.

To remain consistent with Treasury Notes maturing at approximately three-month intervals, it was recommended to reinvest \$250,000 for 15 months with the one that matured on July 31, and an additional \$250,000 for 18 months from the note maturing August 15. Motion to approve reinvesting by Nosbush, second by Grabow. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to renew the annual Post Office Box service for \$172. All voting aye; carried.

Employee, committee, and ward reports were heard.

No executive session was entered.

Building permit issued in July: Jay Grabow

The next regular council meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Gary City Hall.

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

City Council, City of Gary

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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