

City of Gary, South Dakota  
Joint Meeting- Board of Adjustment & Gary City Council  
Monday, June 1, 2026 at 7:30 pm  
Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in joint session on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 7:30 pm in the City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Aldermen Neil Schumacher, Darwyn Engesser, Mike Nosbush, Jay Grabow, Jessica Christians, and Doug Nelson were present. Present also were Joni Kjelden, Austin Crocker, Terry Wolf, Alex Abplanalp, Albert Bekaert, Lynda Rol, Laura Swoboda, Pat Sears, Steve January, Angel Oeltjenbruns, Rod & Patty Meadors, Lisa Knopik, Mary Nosbush, Judy Heth, Mel Borg, Jen Pederson, and Daniel Drown.

Motion by Engesser, second by Grabow to approve the agenda with the addition of two discussion items, street dance on July 3 & wastewater project change order #2 update. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. All voting aye; carried.

**General- May 2026 Bills-** Finance Office-2,063.92;Fire Dept-56.86;Streets-3,687.27;RUS-189.10;Cemetery-1,238.42;Golf-875.40;Parks-1,306.11;Library-599.90;Water-1,265.18;Sewer-1,302.71;Aflac-April premium-165.64;AT&T-data connect-44.69;Austin Crocker-cell phone-25.00;Banner Associates-design phase LQP bridge-10,474.50;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage-3,112.35;BDRW-524,000 gallons-1,978.00,missed paying in April-36.00;City of Gary-wsg-firehall-83.38,garbage-city hall, surcharges-171.20;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings,notices-122.40;DCFU-fuel charges-1,890.98;DCSO-law enforcement-605.90;DNB National Bank-UB ach fee-15.60;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-623.45,OASI-799.18;First Bank & Trust-credit card-81.93; Gary Community Club-Gary bucks-60.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-61.00;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-46.13;Helsper, McCarty & Rasmussen-April attorney fees-1,650.00;ITC-phone,internet,fax, alarm loop-94.17,Library-DSL-53.45;Ottetail-electricity-774.05;Ron's Saw Sales-trimmer,supplies-647.94;SD Public Health Labs-coliform test-20.00;SDRS-May contribution-1,202.78;Sun Life-May premium-493.87;Wellmark BCBS-June premium-2,716.52.

**Liquor- May 2026 Bills-** Salary-12,160.61;Aflac-April premium-358.83;Cask & Cork-liquor-336.00;Chesterman-pop-417.20;City of Gary-wsg-239.98;Doll Distributing, LLC-beer, wine/coolers-11,344.35;EFTPS/941 Tax-FWT-484.46,OASI-2,770.06;First Bank & Trust-credit card-160.74;Harry's Pizza-pizza-1,255.50;Henry's Foods-tobacco, food, supplies-924.21;ITC-phone,internet,TV-252.52;Johnson Bros-liquor-2,304.88;Office Peeps-supplies-206.87;Old Dutch-chips-67.86;Ottetail-electricity-215.98;Pizza & Burger Shack-279.00;Porter Dist-beer,wine/coolers-2,902.35;Rangaard Electric-bathroom lights-115.00;RNDC-liquor-985.50;Robin Lanners-cell phone-25.00;SD DOR-May liquor tax-3,605.84;SDRS-May contribution-1,152.12;Southern Glazers-liquor-1,239.70;Star Laundry-towels, rugs-95.43;Wellmark BCBS-June premium-3,492.68.

**Wastewater- May 2026-** D&G Excavating-contruction-49,352.02; Helms & Associates-engineering-11,050.16

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

Public comment: Angel Oeltjenbruns questioned the work done at Lac Qui Parle St. Lisa Knopik had questions regarding dates of ordinances on the website.

Jennifer Pederson expressed frustration with the City Ordinance and certain State statutes related to the sale of alcoholic beverages, explaining that the cost associated with small retail is substantial. She indicated she will not proceed with obtaining a Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine license.

Motion by Grabow, second by Engesser to convene jointly as the Board of Adjustment and City Council. All voting aye; carried.

A variety of comments were heard during the public hearing for Pat Sears conditional use application.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Grabow to approve the conditional use with the condition that the unit be placed at the 20' setback line. All voting aye; carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as City Council only. All voting aye; carried.

Laura Swoboda spoke regarding the girls and boys summer ball program sponsored by the American Legion Peden-Cole Post 109 and Legion Auxiliary. Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to approve \$1,500 to American Legion & \$1,500 to Legion Auxiliary to support the program and assist with costs. All voting aye; carried.

Missouri River Energy Services representatives gave a brief informational presentation regarding the proposed Power Plant in Deuel County.

A request to bid Lac Qui Parle St & Second Ave bridges at the same time came from the SD DOT. More information will be discussed at a special meeting.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Engesser to approve mosquito spraying for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous event. All voting aye; carried.

A special temporary liquor permit for the Fire Department at Lot E in Block 2 Sexauer Railroad Addition on July 2, 2026 was approved by Schumacher, second by Grabow. All voting aye; carried. Reminding event organizers that compliance with all state alcohol laws, including age verification and prevention of underage drinking is required.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to surplus the printer from the bar for recycling. All voting aye; carried.

Information was presented regarding a street dance on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and updates to the Wastewater Project Change Order No.2. A special meeting will be held to act on these items.

Employee contribution, committee & ward reports were heard.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to enter executive session for personnel at 8:50 pm. All voting aye; carried. Mayor declared out of executive session at 8:54 pm.

Motion by Grabow, second by Nelson to hire Jazlyn Frandsen as part time bartender at \$11.85 an hour. All voting aye; carried.

Building permits issued in May: Daniel Butterbough

A special meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Next regular meeting will be July 6, 2026 at 7:30 pm at City Hall.

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

City Council, City of Gary

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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