

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular Council Meeting –
Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Aldermen Albert Bekaert, John Jenson, David Peterson, Darwyn Engesser, Clark Dessler and Joni Kjelden were present. Mayor Jeff Engesser presided. Present also were Mark Junker, David Vogt, Mike Nosbush, Robin Lanners, and Shirley Pederson.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Dessler to approve the agenda. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Jenson to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2019 regular meeting. All members voted aye, motion carried.

GENERAL-JANUARY 2020 BILLS

Finance Office-1,794.79;Librarian-545.20;Streets/Parks-2,890.27;Water-965.19;Sewer-965.17;AFLAC-Premium-244.91;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage collection-1,650.03, Brookings-Deuel Rural Water-466,000 gallons-1,210.20;City of Gary-water/community center-24.83;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings, notices-131.02;Cleveland Chevrolet-snow plow repair-431.00;Deuel Co.Auditor-Law enforcement-499.80;DC Cenex-monthly fuel charges-452.54;DNB National Bank-annual safe deposit box rent-25.00;EFTPS/FWT 941 Tax-FWT Bar-362.72, City-940.95=1,303.67;EFTPS/OASI/SS/ MT-OASI-Bar-990.08, City-1,177.64=2,168.62;First District Assoc of Local Gov't-2020 annual membership-340.48;Gary Fire Department-funds for pumper truck payment-15,000.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-35.00;Gate City General-supplies-66.95;Glacial Lakes & Prairies-2020 membership dues-200.00;HD Electric-Cemetery electricity-36.50;Humana-health ins.-106.00;ITC-phone, internet, fax, alarm loop-85.90, Library-DSL, Static IP-46.45;Kaiser Welding-repair snow plow mount-71.50;Menards-shelving-357.65;Mike Nosbush-cell phone reimbursement-25.00, reimburse weed certification-50.00=75.00;Office Peeps-supplies-14.92;Ottertail Power Co.-Electricity-1,386.76;SD Dept of Health-coliform test-15.00;SD One Call-Oct-Dec 2019 message fees-5.25;SD Retirement-Bar-779.92, City-918.50=1,698.42;Star Laundry-Uniforms-76.20;State Line Bar & Grill-employee supper-467.19;Sturdevants-parts-202.56;Wellmark BCBS-Insurance-7,036.71.

LIQUOR-JANUARY 2020 BILLS

Municipal Liquor-8,781.70;AFLAC-Premium-403.95;Cash-Wa-food/supplies-400.20;Chesterman-pop-622.65;City of Gary-water, sewer, garbage-143.69;Culligan-monthly service-26.25;Ellwein Bros.-Beer-4,690.50;Gate City General-supplies/food-127.42;Harry's Frozen Foods-pizza-283.50;Henry's Foods-Cigarettes, food, supplies-3,228.81;ITC-Phone, DSL, TV-245.09;Johnson Bros.-Liquor, wine, wine coolers-302.50;Menards-supplies-115.98;Old Dutch Foods-Chips-31.50;Ottertail-Electricity-522.85;Pepsi-Cola-pop-162.90;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-204.00;Porter Dist. Co.-Beer, wine coolers-530.65;Republic National Dist.-Liquor, wine/wine coolers-1,804.35;Rob's Locker-food-130.95;SD Dept of Revenue-liquor tax-1,660.83;Southern Glaziers-liquor-733.55;Star Laundry-towels, rugs-58.07;State Line Bar & Grill-employee supper-467.19.

Motion by Dessler, second by Kjelden to approve the verified claims and issue warrants in payment thereof. All members voted aye, motion carried.

No one was present for public voice.

Employee contributions, committee reports, and ward reports were heard.

Mark Junker from Banner Engineering was present to explain to the council the results of the survey and hydraulic study their firm performed on the bridges on 2nd Avenue and Lac Qui Parle Street. He stated there are basically three options: to do nothing right now, to do something on our own, or to continue the process of applying for a SDOT grant to repair one or both of the bridges. He encouraged the council to think about it and not act right away.

David Vogt has been doing some research on his property located on the northeast edge of the city limits of Gary. He feels he shouldn't be paying taxes to the city since he is receiving none of

the city services. The city will continue to do more research to see what the benefits to David would be if his property was re-classified to a “rural service district” or un-annexed from the city limits.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Jenson, to transfer the 2019 end of year balances from the Video Lottery Fund and the Liquor Fund to the 2020 General Fund. The actual amounts transferred were: from Video Lottery Fund-\$76,265.37 and from Liquor Fund-\$47,000.00. In June of 2019 \$50,000.00 was transferred from the general fund to the liquor store remodel fund. The remaining balance of \$33,553.00 was transferred to the remodel fund for 2020. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Jenson to write-off a bad check issued to the Gary Liquor Store in 2015 by Shawn T Citrowske after other methods of collection failed. The check was for \$150.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

A letter was received from Brookings-Deuel Rural Water explaining a rate increase effective February 2020 for wholesale town customers. The last rate increase was in 2018. After discussion, motion was made by Bekaert, second by Peterson to increase the base rate on water from 10.50 to 11.00 and increase the usage from 4.75/1000 gallons to 5.00/1000 gallons. Sewer base rate will increase from 10.50 to 11.00 and the usage will increase from 3.75/1000 to 4.00/1000. The per unit rate will increase from 1.00/unit to 1.25/unit. The change will be reflected on the May billing. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Advertising for Mike’s replacement when he retires in 2021 was discussed and will be published in local newspapers.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Jenson to release the appropriated 2020 funds of \$15,000.00 to the Gary Fire Department to make the payment on the E-One pumper truck. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Kjelden to approve the 2020 Gary Volunteer fire department members and to carry workman’s comp insurance on these members. There are 31 members and the complete list is on file at the City Office. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Jenson to get bids for the lawn mower trade-in. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Peterson to approve the letter of proposal from Independent Audit Services to perform an audit on the year ending December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$4500.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Council terms expiring this year are Jeff Engesser, Mayor, Darwyn Engesser, Ward I, Joni Kjelden, Ward II, and Clark Dessler, Ward III. All terms are for two years. Petitions can be picked up at the finance office beginning January 31, 2020 and must be returned to the finance office no later than 5:00 pm on February 28, 2020.

Reminder: pet license were due January 31, 2020. Now is the time to bring proof of your pet’s vaccinations to the city office and purchase your 2020 pet license.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gary City Hall. Equalization meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2020 with time TBD.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Bekaert to adjourn. All members voted aye, motion carried.