

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular Council Meeting –
Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall. Aldermen Albert Bekaert, John Jenson, David Peterson, Darwyn Engesser, Clark Dessler and Joni Kjelden were present. Mayor Albert Bekaert presided. Present also were Mary Nosbush, Jason Anderson, Mike Nosbush, Robin Lanners, and Shirley Pederson.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Dessler to approve the agenda with one addition: 2021 retainer fee of \$1500.00 for Code Enforcement Officer Joel Johnson. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Dessler to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2020 year-end meeting. All members voted aye, motion carried.

GENERAL-JANUARY 2021 BILLS

Finance Office-1,838.67;Librarian-478.05;Streets/Parks-5,466.11;Water-1,061.47;Sewer-1,061.46;AFLAC-Premium-318.88;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage collection-1,709.79, Brookings-Deuel Rural Water-450,000 gallons-1,220.00;City of Gary-water/community center-23.53;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings, notices-138.92;Deuel Co. Auditor-Law enforcement-506.94;DC Cenex-monthly fuel charges-675.35;EFTPS/FWT 941 Tax-FWT-City-1,107.74;EFTPS/OASI/SS/MT-OASI-City-1,611.52;First District Assoc.-2021 annual membership-350.69;Gary Fire Dept-funds for pumper truck payment-15,000.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-35.00;Gate City General-supplies-40.42;Glacial Lakes & Prairies-2021 membership dues-200.00;HD Electric-Cemetery electricity-36.50;Humana-health ins.-106.00;ITC-phone, internet, fax, alarm loop-86.83, Library-DSL, Static IP-46.45;Jason Anderson-chlorine test strips-41.09;Kibble Equip-JD tractor-157.28;Mike Nosbush-cell phone reimbursement-25.00, pesticide cert fee-13.00=38.00;Office of Child Support-garnishment-200.00;Office Peeps-supplies-241.40;Ottertail Power Co.-Electricity-1,227.54;Rob's Locker & Catering-catering-378.00;SD Dept of Health-coliform test-15.00;SD One Call-Oct-Dec 2020 message fees-4.20;SD Retirement-City-1,273.76;Star Laundry-Uniforms-77.81;Sturdevants-parts-173.17;Wellmark BCBS-Insurance-7,307.44.

LIQUOR-JANUARY 2021 BILLS

Municipal Liquor-9,544.82;AFLAC-Premium-403.95;Cash-Wa-food/supplies-428.53;Chesterman-pop-527.87;City of Gary-water, sewer, garbage-175.30;Culligan-monthly service-26.25;EFTPS/FWT 941 Tax-FWT-bar-447.55;EFTPS/OASI/SS/MT-OASI-Bar-1,110.14;Ellwein Bros.-Beer-5,826.10;Gate City General-supplies/food-105.25;Greg McCoy-tiling @ bar-962.50;Harry's Frozen Foods-pizza-589.00;Henry's Foods-Cigarettes, food, supplies-2,136.34;ITC-Phone, DSL, TV-247.23;Johnson Bros.-Liquor, wine, wine coolers-1,830.24;Menards-supplies-253.19;Mike Nosbush-tile spacers-39.00;Office Peeps-supplies-194.81;Old Dutch Foods-Chips-28.22;Ottertail-Electricity-487.47;Pepsi-Cola-pop-149.05;Porter Dist. Co.-Beer, wine coolers-787.40;Republic National Dist.-Liquor, wine/wine coolers-891.25;Rob's Locker & Catering-catering-378.00;SD Dept of Revenue-liquor tax-2,362.32;SD Retirement-bar-896.20;Southern Glaziers-liquor-1,824.66;Star Laundry-towels, rugs-64.16;Technicolor Screen Printing-tumblers-799.50.

Motion by Jenson, second by Dessler 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.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Peterson to approve a special temporary liquor license for February 20 & 21 (until 1 a.m.), 2021, March 20 & 21 (until 1 a.m.), 2021, and March 27 & 28 (until 1 a.m.), 2021 at the Gary American Legion Ballroom (Matt Spilde) at E 23' of Lot 11 and all of Lots 12, 13, 14 in Block 1 of Original Plat, Gary, SD. On-sale only. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Mary Nosbush from Gate City Development was present and shared with the council there has been some interest in the larger lots up in the new development. They are starting to put numbers together as to what the cost would be to extend the sewer and water lines to these areas further south.

Motion by Jenson, second by Dessler, to transfer the 2020 end of year balances from the Video Lottery Fund and the Liquor Fund to the 2021 General Fund. The actual amounts transferred were: from Video Lottery Fund-\$87,224.41 and from Liquor Fund-\$45,000.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance 2021-339-14 (water rate increase) was held. The second reading and adoption of this ordinance will take place at the March 1, 2021 meeting.

A letter of resignation was received from city attorney Vince Foley. Recommendations will be brought to the next meeting for consideration of replacement.

Motion by Dessler, second by Kjelden to release the appropriated 2021 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 Peterson to approve the 2021 Gary Volunteer fire department members and to carry workman's comp insurance on these members. There are currently 27 members and the complete list is on file at the City Office. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Kjelden, second by Dessler to partner with the Dakota Trailblazers for the July 3, 2021 street dance, pending the Dakota Trailblazers provide proof of insurance. They will split the cost of the band. The Dakota Trailblazers will be in charge of the dance and the liquor store will be in charge of the beer garden. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Kjelden to approve the letter of proposal from Independent Audit Services to perform an audit on the year ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4600.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

A letter was received from Bjerke Sanitation explaining a rate increase effective February 1, 2021. Residential rates will increase by \$2.40/month and business rates will increase by \$10.40/month. Motion by Peterson, second by Jenson to accept. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Peterson to pay the 2021 retainer fee of \$1500 to Code Enforcement Officer Joel Johnson. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Council terms expiring this year are Albert Bekaert, Acting Mayor, 1 year term, Albert Bekaert-Ward I-2 year term, David Peterson-Ward II- 2 year term, and John Jenson-Ward III-2 year term. Petitions can be picked up at the finance office beginning January 29, 2021 and must be returned to the finance office no later than 5:00 pm on February 26, 2021.

Reminder: pet license were due January 31, 2021. Now is the time to bring proof of your pet's vaccinations to the city office and purchase your 2021 pet license.

Motion by Darwyn Engesser, second by Kjelden to go into executive session at 6:55 pm. Mayor declared council out of executive session at 7:05 pm.

Utilities manager Nosbush has pushed back his retirement date to September 1, 2021.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gary City Hall. Equalization meeting will be Monday, March 15, 2021 with time TBD.

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

City Council, City of Gary

Shirley Pederson, Finance Officer

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