

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular Council Meeting –
Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Aldermen Darwyn Engesser, Clark Dessler, David Peterson, Josef Gislason, Robert Stee and Albert Bekaert were present. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Also present were Neil Schumacher, Rachel Hinsvark, Robin Lanners, Jessi Jeppesen, Ron & Barb Stangeland, Richard Ippolito and Jen Pederson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Motion by Dessler, second by Stee to approve the minutes of the October 4th regular meeting.

All members voted aye; motion carried.

GENERAL-OCTOBER 2021 BILLS

Finance Office-1,265.63;Librarian-545.10;Streets/Parks-3,729.70;Water-587.06;Sewer-587.03;Rubble-Site-106.30;AFLAC-Premium-149.43;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage collection-2,216.13,BDRW-519,000 gallons-1,378.70;City of Gary-Firehall/water-23.02;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings,notices-183.18;Deuel Co. Auditor-Law Enforcement-506.94;DC Farmers Union-monthly fuel charges-1,077.45;EFTPS/FWT 941 Tax-FWT-966.90;EFTPS/OASI/SS/MT-OASI-1,309.60;Gary Post Office-stamps-69.00;Gate City General-supplies-31.94;HD Electric-Cemetery electricity-36.50;Hendricks Farmers Lumber-tools-1,445.59;ITC-phone, internet,fax,alarm loop-97.89,Library-DSL,Static IP-46.45;Jason Anderson-cell phone reimbursement-25.00;Kibble-lawn mower belt-99.98;Menards-supplies-106.94;Newman Signs-bridge limit-82.21;Office of Child Support-garnishment-200.00;Office Peeps-107.23;Ottertail Power Co.-Electricity-681.86;SD Dept of Health-coliform test-15.00;SD Dept of Rev & Reg-garbage/landfill tax-254.84;SD One Call-July-Sept. message fee-1.05;SD Retirement-Oct contribution-704.48;SDML Work Comp Fund-2022 renewal-4,278.00;Star Laundry-Uniforms-84.91;Wellmark BCBS-Insurance-1,538.38

LIQUOR-OCTOBER 2021 BILLS

Municipal Liquor-10,006.19;ALAC-Premium-403.95;Cash-Wa Dist.-supplies/food-696.44;Chesterman-Pop-869.00;City of Gary-WSG,2022 on/off sale liquor license renewal-778.16;Culligan-water softener install-227.50;EFTPS/FWT 941 tax-FWT-449.67;EFTPS/SS/MT-OASI-1,095.72;Ellwein Bros.-Beer-9,091.40;Gary Post Office-stamps-29.00;Gate City General-supplies/food-15.76;Harry's Frozen Foods-pizza-784.50;Henry's Foods-Tobacco,food,supplies-2,804.92;ITC-Phone,DSL,TV-252.74;Johnson Bros.-Liquor, wine coolers-800.43;Menards-supplies-117.09;Nosbush Plumbing & Htg-pvc supplies-187.00;Office Peeps-supplies-1,586.09;Old Dutch Foods-Chips-40.50;Ottertail-Electricity-573.05;Pepsi-Cola-pop-117.39;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-324.00;Porter Dist. Co.-Beer, wine coolers-571.95;RNDC-Liquor,wine coolers-1,554.21;Robin Lanners-cell phone reimburse-25.00;SD Dept of Revenue-liquor tax-3,004.02;SD Retirement-Oct contribution-899.22;Southern Glazers of SD-Liquor-1,783.66;Star Laundry-towels, rugs-68.73;Stee Electric-wiring-109.44;US Foods-rubber mats-371.85;Vibe Entertainment-Oct 29 DJ-350.00;Wellmark BCBS-insurance-4,615.23.

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

Neil Schumacher was present during public input to express his concern about the landfill.

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

A public hearing was held on a proposed variance filed by Ron & Barb Stangeland. The variance would relax the front yard set-back requirements in an R1 residential neighborhood. No input from the public was heard.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Engesser to approve the variance. All members voted aye; motion carried.

A public hearing was held for Josef Gislason requesting a conditional use permit to obtain necessary licenses for a small business he plans to start. Motion by Dessler, second by Stee to approve. Members voting aye; Engesser, Peterson & Bekaert. Gislason abstained. Motion carried.

The Gary Givers were present to introduce their new non-profit group and give an update on what their intentions are in the future.

After a discussion about the Liquor Store being open on certain days that are typically closed, motioned by Engesser, second by Peterson to be open on Christmas Eve until 10pm. Members voting aye; Dessler, Gislason & Stee. Bekaert opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Stee, second by Dessler to be open on Superbowl Sunday & July 3rd, 2022. Members voting aye; Engesser, Peterson, Gislason. Bekaert opposed. Motion carried.

Building permits issued in October: Connie Steckelberg & Jon Groenhoff.

Motion by Stee, second by Engesser to approve a special temporary liquor license for the Gary Municipal Liquor Store at the American Legion Ballroom for November 4,11,18, 24 & December 2,9,16,23,30 at E 24' Lot 11 and all of Lots 12-13-14 in Block 1, Original Plat, City of Gary, SD. On sale only. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Engesser to renew the 2022 SDML Worker's Comp. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Peterson to renew the current BCBS health insurance policy. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Dessler, second by Peterson to go into executive session for personnel matters. Mayor declared council out of executive session at 8:30pm.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, December 6, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gary City Hall. Motion by Engesser, second by Dessler to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried.

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Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer
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