

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular Council Meeting –
Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:30 pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 3rd, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the City Hall. Aldermen Darwyn Engesser, Mike Nosbush, Jeff Nordseth, Doug Nelson, Robert Stee & Albert Bekaert were present. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Present also were Claudette Bagan, Carol Stebor, Carol Barger, Neil Schumacher, Angel Oeltjenbruns, Jay Grabow, Melinda Jenson, Joe Kolbach, Jodie Engesser, Mary Nosbush, Sharon Kloos, Lynelle Ippolito, Laura Swoboda, Jamie Hoffmann, Jason Anderson & Joni Kjelden.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Motion by Bekaert, second by Nosbush to approve the minutes of the March 6th regular meeting and the March 20th Local Review Board Equalization Meeting. All members voted aye; motion carried.

GENERAL-MARCH 2023 BILLS

Finance Office-1,433.25;Streets-3,497.80;Water-681.00;Sewer-681.00;Council-2,350.00;AFLAC-March premium-149.43;AT&T-data connect-43.23;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage-2,432.63;BDRW-431,000 gallons-1,325.60;Bobcat of Brookings-hydraulic fluid, filters-248.18;Canby Auto Parts-dump truck repairs-230.77;City of Gary-water/firehall,garbage/city hall-55.30;Clear Lake Courier-city notices/proceedings-109.58;Darwyn Engesser-socket tool-15.96;Dawn Fritz-water deposit refund-80.00;Deuel Co. Auditor-Law Enforcement-546.21;Deuel Co. Farmer's Union-monthly fuel charges-816.13;Deuel Co.Hwy Dept-salt sand-515.55;EFTPS 941 tax-FWT-539.50,OASI-1,453.32;Ellen Schulte-6 hrs.@ 10.80/library-64.80,Gary Post Office-stamps-79.50;Gate City General-supplies-53.68;Gopher Sport-bases for ball fields-1,211.24;HD Electric-Cemetery electricy-36.50;Helsper, McCarty & Rasmussen, PC-February Attorney fees-1,442.50;ITC-phone,internet,fax,alarm loop-91.41,Library-DSL-46.45;Jason Anderson-cell phone-25.00;Joyce Meyer-22 hrs. @ 10.80/library-237.60;Kibble Equipment-JD x754 lawn mower,blades-8,172.76;Menards-municipal supplies-36.97;Milbank Winwater-campground meter-1,001.75;Minnesota Paving & Materials-ballfield lime-316.26;MN Dept of Revenue-1st qtr. withholdings-820.88;Minn-Kota Pest Services-pre-paid services-484.50;Office Peeps-calculator paper-9.15;Ottetail Power Co.-electricity-1,252.45;SDARWS-2023 Class B membership-360.00;SD Dept of Health-coliform test-15.00;SDML Workers Comp-2022 audited billing-227.00;SD Dept of Labor & Regulation-re-employment 1st qtr-167.32;SDPAA-property value updates-149.76;SD Retirement-March contribution-817.20;Wellmark BCBS-April premium-1,503.76,late payment penalty-45.11.

LIQUOR-MARCH 2023 BILLS

Liquor-10,320.63;AFLAC-March premium-403.95;Chesterman-pop-571.04;City of Gary-water,sewer,garbage-171.60;Culligan-monthly rent-55.00;EFTPS 941 tax-FWT-565.65,OASI1,282.08;Ellwein Bros.-beer-5,401.10;First Bank & Trust-credit card, bar supplies-57.48;Gary Post Office-stamps-31.50;Gate City General-supplies/food-64.10;Harry's Pizza-pizza-651.00;Henry's Foods-tobacco,food,supplies-2,067.92;ITC-phone,DSL,TV-245.58;Johnson Bros.-liquor-2,155.00,Nikki Giese-6.3 @ 8.07-50.84; Old Dutch Foods-chips-71.38;Ottetail Power Co.-electricity-672.40;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-324.00;Porter Dist. Co.-beer, wine/coolers-430.05;Rachel Hinsvark-dart tournament food supplies-127.53;RNDC-liquor-1,547.55;Robin Lanners-cell phone, reimburse supplies-61.25;SD Dept of Labor & Regulation-re-employment 1st qtr-78.67;SD Dept of Revenue-March liquor sales tax-2,604.84;SD Retirement-March contribution-1,047.80;Southern Glazers of SD-liquor-1,025.30;Star Laundry-towels,rugs-93.16;Stee Electric-dimmable LED light-255.71-Wellmark BCBS-April premium-4,511.28.

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

Employee contribution, committee & ward reports were heard. Weather permitting, the Restricted Use Site will be open May 1st with longer hours the first few weeks to accommodate residents cleaning up branches from the winter.

There was no public input.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Stee to observe Arbor Day on Friday, April 28th, 2023. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Mayor Stoks signed the Arbor Day Proclamation. Members of the Tree Board, Lilly Bekaert & Buck Dessler have resigned their positions. Kelli Stee, Joey Gislason & Neil Schumacher expressed interest in being part of the Tree Board. Mayor Stoks suggested appointing Kelli to fill the term through 2024 & Neil through 2025. Motion by Nelson, second by Bekaert to approve that suggestion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Two 3-year terms expiring in 2023 were re-appointed to Darwyn Engesser and new member Joey Gislason with a motion by Stee, second by Nosbush. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Melinda Jenson and Laura Swoboda talked to the Council about the girls and boys summer ball program sponsored by the Peden-Cole American Post 109 and Legion Auxiliary. There is a need for new equipment, money to pay entry

fees & coaches. Motion by Bekaert, second by Stee to give \$1,500 to American Legion & \$1,500 to Legion Auxiliary to support the program and help with costs. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Jamie Hoffmann spoke about plans for a car show on July 4th, asking to close off First Ave from Coteau St to Lac Qui Parle St. Motion by Stee to approve the request, second by Engesser. All members voted aye; motion carried.

A discussion about clearing trees from the platted Lac Qui Parle St. on the North side of Gary was held. Joe Kolbach has plans for his property and would like to be able to access it. After a lengthy discussion Stee motioned to spend up to \$2,000 towards equipment and man hours to remove trees, opening the street, second by Engesser. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Stee to approve the following Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License renewals for 2023-2024: The Alibi, LLC. (Jeff & Jodie Engesser) Lots 5 & 6, Block 1 of Original Plat, Town of Gary, SD. On & off sale. Peden-Cole American Legion Post 109, N 22.08 S 90' & S 19.67' N 80' Lots 12-13-14, Block 2, Original Plat, Town of Gary, SD. On sale only. All members voted aye; motion carried.

With prices increasing on inventory at the Liquor Store, a handout was given to the council with current, suggested and vendor pricing. Motion by Stee, second by Bekaert to approve the on-sale price increases. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Engesser to accept the 2022 Drinking Water Report for the City of Gary. Gary has supplied twelve consecutive years of safe drinking water to the public it serves and has been awarded the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The full report is available at the city office. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Stee, second by Nelson to renew the annual EZ-Reader software for \$965.58. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Nosbush to renew the annual Banyon software support for Fund Accounting, Payroll and Utility Billing for \$2,689.00. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Engesser, second by Bekaert to accept the agreement with the Deuel County Highway Dept. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nelson to move forward with getting estimates for redoing the concrete in front the city hall, library, and shop. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Stee to approve travel for Jason to Aberdeen, April 19th and Joni to DeSmet April 20th for training opportunities. All members voted aye; motion carried.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:30 pm at the Gary City Hall.

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

City Council, City of Gary

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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