

City of Gary, South Dakota
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the City Hall. Aldermen Darwyn Engesser, Mike Nosbush, Jay Grabow, Doug Nelson, Bob Stee & Albert Bekaert were present. Mayor Larry Stoks presided. Present also were Joni Kjelden, Robin Lanners, Claudette Bagan, Jesse Jenson, Mary Nosbush, Mel Borg, Carol Stebor, Carol Barger, Neil Schumacher.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Engesser, second by Grabow to approve the agenda as written. All voting aye; motion carried.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Stee to approve the minutes of the November 1, 6, & 28, 2023 meetings. All voting aye; motion carried.

GENERAL-NOVEMBER 2023 BILLS

Finance Office-2,246.05; Streets-4,014.29; Parks-475.16; Rubble-283.73; Library-776.15; Water-972.55; Sewer-972.46; Aflac-Nov premium-149.43;AT&T-data connect-44.07;Bjerke Sanitation-garbage-2,302.09;Bobcat of Brookings-handle assembly-505.64;Brookings-Deuel Rural Water486,000-1,468.60;City of Gary-water,sewer,garbage-firehall-39.69,garbage-city hall-16.00;Clear Lake Courier-proceedings, notices-220.49;Deuel County Auditor-law enforcement-546.21;Deuel County Farmer's Union-fuel charges-903.61;EFTPS/941 tax-FWT-572.96,OASI-1,280.18;First Bank & Trust-credit card charges-126.79;Gary Post Office-stamps-84.00;Gate City General-supplies-129.31;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-36.50;Helsper, McCarty & Rasmussen-Oct attorney fees-470.00;ITC-phone, internet, fax alarm loop-103.27,Library-46.45;Jason Anderson-cell phone-25.00;Kibble Equipment, LLC-filters, oil-200.69;Menards-supplies-209.00;Office Peeps-toner, office supplies-508.15;Ottetail Power Co-electricity-856.07;SD Dept of Health-coliform test-15.00;SDML Work Comp Funda-2024 work comp renewal-5,878.00;SD Retirement-Nov contribution-852.80;Wellmark BCBS-Dec premium-1,503.76.

LIQUOR-NOVEMBER 2023 BILLS

Municipal Liquor-18,276.00;Aflac-Nov premium-482.86;Chesterman-pop-902.09;City of Gary-water,sewer,garbage-189.25;Culligan-monthly rental & refill-69.25;EFTPS/941 tax-FWT-702.59,OASI-1,608.94;Ellwein Bros-beer-9,162.70;First Bank & Trust-credit card charges-164.54;Gary Liquor Store-Nov open juke box-60.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-33.00;Gate City General-food/supplies-83.63;Harry's Frozen Foods-pizza-1,109.00;Henry's Foods-tobacco,food,supplies-2,250.09;ITC-phone,DSL,TV-247.48;Johnson Bros-liquor-1,380.12;Old Dutch Foods-chips-294.30;Ottetail Power Co.-electricity-476.72;Pepsi-Cola-pop-181.50;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-216.00;Porter Distributing Co-beer, wine/coolers-1,275.70;RC Pro Audio-Nov 11 entertainment-450.00;Republic National Dist-liquor-608.50;Robin Lanners-cell phone, supply reimburse-52.92;SD Dept of Revenue-Nov sales tax-3,667.40;SD Retirement-Nov contribution-1,227.80;Southern Glazers of SD-liquor-619.50;Star Laundry-rugs, towels-107.51;Sultans of Sing-Nov 25 entertainment-300.00;Wellmark BCBS-Dec premium-4,511.28.

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

Employee, committee, and ward reports were heard.

There were no public comments.

Follow-up discussion on pricing for replacing the polycap at First Ave ballfield was decided. Motion by Bekaert, second by Grabow to purchase from the quote received by Boulton Trailers. All voting aye; motion carried.

Mel Borg, representing the Gate City Development reported on the Childcare grant they were applying for in October. They combined their ideas with Clear Lake Area Development and were awarded. Their plan is to survey the needs of childcare in Deuel County, not just specific to Gary or Clear Lake.

Mel also spoke about Grand Boulevard being complete and would like to turn it over to the city. After discussing, asphalt will be done in the future. Motion by Grabow, second by Engesser to have Banner Engineer check the road, report the results and the decision will be made at that time. All voting aye; motion carried.

South Dakota Municipal League membership and affiliate memberships for 2024 are due. Motion by Grabow, second by Bekaert to pay the Municipal League dues of \$487.77 and the affiliate dues for Finance Office-\$40, Human Resource-\$25, Streets Maintenance-\$35. All voting aye; motion carried.

Motion by Engesser, second by Stee to open the Gary Liquor Store on Feb 11, 2024 for Super Bowl Sunday from noon until the game is over. Engesser, aye; Nosbush, aye; Grabow, no; Nelson, aye; Stee, aye; Bekaert, no; Motion carried.

Special temporary liquor license was issued to American Legion Ballroom for December 14, 21, 28, 2023 & January 4, 11, 18, 21, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 18, 22, 29, 2024 at E 24' of Lot 11 and all of Lots 12-13-14 in Block 1, Original Plat, City of Gary with a motion by Stee, second by Engesser. All voting aye; motion carried.

Bjerke Sanitation has requested to increase rates of the garbage contract effective January 2024. Motion by Bekaert, second by Grabow to accept the rate increase of \$1 per residential account and \$3 per commercial/dumpster. All voting aye; motion carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to have Robin get prices for catering an employee/council Christmas party at the Liquor Store. Date to be determined. All voting aye; motion carried.

Motion by Stee, second by Grabow to go into executive session at 7:19 pm for personnel. All voting aye; motion carried. Mayor declared out at 8:36 pm.

Building permits issued in November: Jodie Engesser, Jerry Tongen.

The year-end meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

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

City Council, City of Gary

Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer

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