

City of Gary, South Dakota
Joint Hearing- Panning Commission & City Council
Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:30 pm at Gary City Hall

The Gary City Council met in a joint session on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:30 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, Jesse Jeson, Jay Gislason, Carol Barger, Neil Schumacher, Jeff Engesser, Michael Hunt, Tammy Odette, and Mel Borg.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to approve the minutes of the March 4th regular meeting and the March 18th Local Review Board Equalization Meeting. All voting aye; motion carried.

GENERAL-MARCH 2024 BILLS

Finance Office-2,572.17;Streets-4,673.14;Council-2,745.10;Parks-160.64;Library-698.86;Water-1,065.83;Sewer-1,065.76;AFLAC-March premium-153.39;AT&T-data connect-44.07;Banyon Data Systems-annual software support-2,689.00;Bjerke Sanitation-March garbage-2,372.48;Brookings-Deuel Rural Water-620,000 gallons-1,951.00;Canby Auto Parts-oil-32.63;City of Clear Lake-1.77 contracted hours-177.00;City of Gary-wsg.firehall-42.54,garbage,city hall-17.00;Clear Lake Courier-city notices/proceedings-200.73;Darwyn Engesser-trees reimburse-607.19;Deuel County Farmer's Union-monthly fuel charges-1,567.93;Deuel County Sheriff's Office-law enforcement-571.20;EFTPS/941 tax-FWT-747.94,OASI-1,779.38;Gary Givers-1/2 cost of band for July 6 street dance-3,000.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-87.00;Gary Rodeo-2024 rodeo advertisement-5,000.00;Gate City General-supplies-96.86;HD Electric-cemetery electricity-36.50;ITC-phone,internet,fax,alarm loop-108.72,Library-51.54;Jesse Jenson-cell phone-25.00;McLeod's Printing & Office Supply-election supplies-27.24;Milbank Winwater-EZ reader software support, meter supplies-1,290.81;Minn-Kota Pest Services-prepaid service-484.50;MN Dept of Revenue-1st qtr. withholding-278.95;Ottetail Power Co.-electricity-832.68;Runnings-supplies-65.94;SDARWS-2024 membership-385.00;SD Dept of Health-coliform test-15.00;SDML Worker's comp-2023 audited billing-908.00;SD Dept of Labor & Reg-re-employment 1st qtr-31.28;SD Retirement-March contribution-965.50;Wellmark BCBS-April premium-1,369.26.

LIQUOR-MARCH 2024 BILLS

Liquor-16,300.16;AFLAC-March premium-482.86;The Broken Oak-March 30 entertainment-400.00;Chesterman-pop-746.10;City of Gary-wsg-188.35;Culligan-monthly rent & refill-82.50;EFTPS/941 tax-FWT-510.48,OASI-1,370.80;Ellwein Bros-beer-9,836.80;First Bank & Trust-credit card charges-359.50;Gary Liquor Store-bad check write off, march open juke box-80.00;Gary Post Office-stamps-34.00;Gate City General-supplies/food-108.93;Harry's Pizza-pizza-1,036.50;Hendricks Farmer's Lumber-supplies-322.90;Henry's Food- tobacco, food, supplies-2,319.63;ITC-phone,DSL,TC-246.97;Johnson Bros.-liquor-1,819.21;Karls-freezer-854.99;Lendon James-March 6 entertainment-200.00;Menards-shelf-91.46;Office Peeps-service cash registers-147.76;Old Dutch Foods-chips-143.82;Ottetail Power Co.-electricity-469.85;Pepsi-Cola-pop-223.04;Pizza & Burger Shack-pizza-324.00;Porter Dist.-beer, wine/coolers-980.70;Rangaard Electric, Inc-wire circuit-333.82;RNDC-liquor-1,168.80;Robin Lanners-cell phone-25.00;SD Dept of Labor & Reg-re-employment 1st qtr-10.43;SD Dept of Revenue-liquor sales tax-3,477.48;SD Retirement-March contribution-1,042.00;Southern Glazer's-liquor-1,059.85;Star Laundry-towels, rugs-84.99;Wellmark BCBS-4,107.79.

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

Employee contribution, committee & ward reports were heard.

Public input presented a comment regarding an email sent by the finance officer.

Motion by Grabow, second by Engesser to convene jointly as Planning Commission and City Council for a public hearing on Ordinance No. 336-19, Rezoning lot 2, block 3 at Gate City Development. All voting aye; motion carried.

Public comment was held with no opposition. Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to recommend the approval of Ordinance No. 336-19. All voting aye; motion carried.

First reading of Ordinance 336-19 was held, the second reading will be May 6, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Motion by Grabow, second by Stee to adjourn as Planning Commission and reconvene as City Council only. All voting aye; motion carried.

Jay Gislason was present to ask about looking at the culvert by his house on Second Ave so it does not cause flooding in his basement when there is a substantial amount of water flowing.

Tammy Odette with the Gary Community Club talked to the council about the events they plan for the town and surrounding communities. She expressed that donations and fundraising efforts have decreased. Motion by Bekaert, second by Grabow to give \$3,000 for the club to continue planning successful events. All voting aye; motion carried.

Discussion of updating Title 9-Utilities Regulation-Water system in the Ordinance book was heard.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Nosbush to Observe Arbor Day on April 27th and have Mayor Stoks sign the Arbor Day Proclamation. All voting aye; motion carried. A tree will be planted along with city wide clean up that day. Two 3-year terms expiring in 2024 were re-appointed to Kelli Stee and Marilyn Koeppen.

Motion by Stee, second by Grabow to approve the following Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License renewals for 2024-2025: 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 voting aye; motion carried.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to apply for the West Nile Grant program when it comes available. All voting aye; motion carried. This program helps with funding for purchasing chemical to spray mosquitos.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Stee to approve the 2023 annual report and send to the Dept of Legislative Audit for review. All voting aye; motion carried.

Motion by Nosbush, second by Grabow to accept the 2023 Drinking Water Report for the City of Gary. All voting aye; motion carried. Gary has supplied thirteen 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 and online at www.garysd.com.

Motion by Engesser, second by Nosbush to renew the annual EZ-Reader software for \$1,120.08. All voting aye; motion carried.

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

Motion by Nosbush, second by Bekaert to approve travel for the Utilities Manager to Watertown, May 7-9, for training opportunities. All voting aye; motion carried.

Building permits issued in March: Jay Grabow

Motion by Grabow, second by Nosbush to enter executive session for personnel at 8:33 pm. All voting aye; motion carried. Mayor declared out at 9:03pm.

Motion by Bekaert, second by Grabow to allow Koyla a maximum of 60 hours a month so she can have events and finish projects outside of the library hours and to allow Hattie Kruse to help with work at the library for a maximum of 4 hours a week at \$7.00 an hour. All voting aye; motion carried.

Motion by Grabow, second by Engesser to advertise for the Utilities Manager position. All voting aye; motion carried.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:30 pm at the Gary City Hall.

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

City Council, City of Gary
Joni Kjelden, Finance Officer
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