AMENDED & APPROVED AUGUST 10, 2026

City of Hayward Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2026

7:00 p.m. Hayward Community Hall

Mayor Anthony Cox called the regular meeting of the Hayward City Council to order at 7 p.m. on Monday August 10, 2026, at the Hayward Community Hall.

Council Members Present: Mayor Anthony Cox; Councilors Darwin Dolph, Gene Flaskerud, Derek Lerum, and Mark Bangert.

Staff Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Aase and Operations Director Travis Reichl.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Dolph moved to approve the August 10, 2026 agenda; seconded by Councilor Lerum. The motion carried.

Councilor Bangert moved to approve the July 13, 2026 meeting minutes; seconded by Councilor Flaskerud. The motion carried.

Fire Department Updates: Fire Department Chief Eric Knutson reported the following call activity:

- June: 2 medical emergencies, 1 auto incident, 1 fire call, and 1 mutual aid.
- July: 3 medical emergencies and 1 auto accident.

The department continues discussions with Lou Rich regarding fabrication of a new pumper tank for the original pumper truck. Due to the time of year, work will likely occur after harvest—December or January.

The department's grant writer reached out about potential funding for updating older trucks. Council noted that, given the Armstrong and Second Street water main project and the possibility of a future water filtration plant, the City may need to delay any truck-replacement planning at this time.

The Fire Department contacted the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to confirm the department's Public Protection Classification (PPC). ISO is a third-party organization that evaluates community fire protection and assigns PPC ratings. The department is actively pursuing grant funding for spreader/extractor tools (similar to the Jaws of Life). They have already secured $2,500 and Chief Knutson has submitted an additional grant request to Pembina Pipeline Corporation.

The Annual Family Picnic Fundraiser will be held September 11, 2026, from 4:30–7:30 p.m. at the Hayward Community Fire Hall. The next monthly Fire Department meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2026.

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Community Forum: Jesse Guerra introduced himself as the owner of 115 E. Front Street. He stated the house is empty and no water or sewer services are being used. Guerra requested that council allow him to pay surcharges only from this point forward. Council agreed. There were no further community discussions.

Operations Update: Operations Director Travis Reichl provided the monthly operations update. Reichl reported contacting Joseph Company, a general contracting and construction firm in Austin, MN, regarding the ongoing water main project. He clarified to the contractor that the delay is not on the City of Hayward's side; the project is currently stalled due to the Minnesota Public Facilities Association.

Reichl also contacted Bargen, Inc. of Mountain Lake, MN, regarding patching work on Main Street. Bargen submitted two quotes:

- $5,995 for 525 feet of standard patching
- $7,995 for 700 feet of mastic asphalt repair, a hot-applied asphalt material used for durable street-surface repairs

Additionally, RCM Specialties of Hastings, MN, quoted $4,535 for 9 tons per day of repair work.

Reichl informed Council that chip sealing Main Street would cost $40,154. Chip seal is a pavement-preservation method in which hot asphalt oil is applied and covered with rock chips to seal and extend roadway life.

Council agreed the repairs should be completed before winter. Councilor Flaskerud moved to proceed with Main Street repairs; Councilor Dolph seconded. Motion carried.

Reichl noted that ISG engineers have scheduled a Teams meeting for Thursday morning, August 14. Along with Reichl, two council members will participate as well.

Reichl reported that he is having multiple problems with the new mower. The brake switch needs to be repaired; Reichl will check if this is under warranty and contact the John Deere dealer.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Flaskerud asked for an update on the previously agreed-upon sale of a city-owned residential property. Mayor Cox reported that, after consultation with the city attorney, a purchase agreement was drafted for the prospective buyer, Mason Rafdal. After reviewing the agreement, Rafdal requested revisions and arranged with Clerk Aase to attend the next council meeting to discuss those changes; however, he did not appear. Mayor Cox and Clerk Aase made multiple attempts to contact him, but the prospective buyer did not return any calls. Councilor Flaskerud stated that, moving forward, any individual wishing to purchase city-owned property should be required to provide a $1,000 escrow deposit upfront. Council agreed.

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New Business: Council reviewed and discussed the preliminary **2027 proposed Tax Levy**, It was set at 12%. Following discussion, Councilor Flaskerud presented **Resolution 2026-18**. Councilor Lerum seconded. Resolution 2026-18 passed unanimously.

Councilor Dolph introduced **Resolution 2026-19, to reestablish the rural service districts.** Councilor Lerum seconded. Resolution 2026-19 passed unanimously.

The were no council reports.

Financial Reports: Council reviewed the following bills over $500:

- $3697,80 to NCI for 2001 tanker fuel pump repair; Pinion seal & U-joint

Councilor Dolph motioned to approve payment of the afore stated bill exceeding $500. Councilor Bangert seconded. The motion carried.

Councilor Lerum motioned to approve the July Financial Reports, including the Deposit Detail, Year to date Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actual, and Check Detail. Councilor Dolph seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Bangert moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Dolph seconded. The motioned carried.

There being no further business, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Aase, City Clerk/Treasurer

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