

## City of Hayward Council Meeting Minutes

Monday February 10, 2025

7:00 p.m. Hayward Community Hall

Mayor Anthony Cox called the regular meeting of the Hayward City Council to order at 8 p.m. on Monday February 10, 2025.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor: Anthony Cox; Councilors: Darwin Dolph, Gene Flaskerud; Derek Lerum; Mark Bangert

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Aase; Operations Director, Travis Reichl

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Dolph motioned to approve February 10, 2025, Hayward City Council Meeting Agenda, with the following amendment: add Councilor Bangert's name to the agenda under the Councilor Reports, as it was mistakenly excluded. Councilor Bangert seconded. The motion carried.

Councilor Flaskerud motioned to approve the January 13, 2025, Hayward City Council Meeting Minutes, with an amendment as follows: Bob Van Pelt stated the new grain bin will hold the more bushels than the existing bins. During January's meeting the council approved the city will pay up to \$27,134 -all-in, to purchase 300 West Street aka the old school property. Councilor Lerum seconded. The motion carried.

**COMMUNITY FORUM:** one person from the community attended the council meeting. There were no comments made, or questions asked during the forum.

**OPERATIONS UPDATE:** Operation Director Travis Reichl stated

- The PLC (lift control) went out and it needed to be replaced. It was fixed.
- A water main break was repaired by Freeborn Construction.
- The air compressor had an electrical failure; the starter burned up.
- Council approved Reichl's attendance at sewer training in Albert at the cost of \$20.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Progress is being made at 300 West St. (the old school property). Mayor Cox signed paperwork to proceed with asbestos' removal. Asbestrol, the company doing the removal, will contact Mayor Cox and Travis Reichl when they are ready to begin removing asbestos from the building. Council instructed Reichl to reach out to various contractors seeking bids for demolition of the building and debris removal. It was further suggested that the ash trees and complete removal of the tanks on the property be removed as well. Bids will be presented at the March city council meeting. Councilor Bangert presented Resolution 2025-6, a resolution to begin the bidding process for the removal/debris clean-up at 300 West Street, aka the old school building and property. Councilor Dolph seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Aase reported that paperwork has been completed and submitted to the Freeborn

County Assessor's Office to gain property tax exempt status for both the old school property and the former Boosters Club Apartments lots.

Clerk Aase asked council whether she should contact Heartman Insurance to find out if the city will need any additional liability coverage for properties. Council stated we do not need additional coverage; the city has blanket liability coverage.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council decided Hayward Clean-up Day will be held Saturday May 17, 2025, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Old mattresses will be allowed this year.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Councilor Flaskerud reported there have been multiple complaints about the condition of the property located at 104 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Of significant concern is an old refrigerator that has been sitting outside for months; this is very dangerous, especially for curious children. There are also discarded personal items and/or garbage in the front yard. This needs to be cleaned up. Council directed Clerk Aase to send a letter to the property owner.

Councilor Flaskerud as about the 2024 "surplus – deficit report". Clerk Aase stated it will be ready for the March council meeting.

Councilor Flaskerud further inquired about Lucky's Pub liquor license renewal; Clerk Aase reported its work in process right now.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Clerk Aase reported the city received the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024 property tax distribution from Freeborn County Auditor/Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$643.97.

Bill(s), exceeding \$500, for council's approval and payment:

- A bill in the amount of \$1,1975 payable to Hawkins for water purification chemicals
- A bill in the amount of \$44,279.12 payable to Thein Well for work done on well #2 (main well) as per proposal to Travis Reichl, Original Invoice 19831
- A bill in the amount of \$2,432.26 payable to Freeborn Construction
- A bill in the amount of \$4,532.50 payable to SY/Com Inc. for work down at the lift station
- A bill in the amount of \$2,002 payable to LeVander, Gillen & Miller, P.A. for legal work

Councilor Lerum motioned to approve paying the afore mentioned bill(s) exceeding \$500, for payment; Councilor Bangert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Dolph motioned to approve the month of January 2025 Deposit Detail, Check Detail, YTD Balance Sheet, and the YTD Budget vs Actual Report as prepared. Councilor Flaskerud seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Dolph motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Flaskerud seconded. The motion carried.

Having no further business, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Aase  
City Clerk/Treasurer