

**City of Hayward Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday March 10, 2025**

**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 March 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 Lerum motioned to approve the March 10, 2025, Hayward City Council Meeting Agenda, Councilor Dolph seconded. The motion carried.

Councilor Lerum motioned to approve the February 10, 2025, Hayward City Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Bangert seconded. The motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Mitchell Skaar, a volunteer with the Hayward Fire Department, presented the following report:

- In January, the Fire and Rescue Department responded to 4 medical emergencies, 1 auto accident, and 1 fire.
- In February, the Department attended to 2 auto accidents, 2 medical emergencies, and 1 fire.

The Clarks Grove Fire Department paid the Hayward Fire Department \$273.75 for mutual aid assistance during a fire in Clarks Grove.

The Fire Department expressed interest in purchasing a 4-wheeler equipped with skids. The Council confirmed that \$20,000 has been allocated in the Capital Expenditure fund for this purpose; however, additional funds will be required.

Councilor Bangert introduced **Resolution 2025-7**, a resolution accepting a \$5000 donation from the Hayward Fire Relief Association to be placed in the general Fire Fund. Councilor Dolph seconded. Resolution 2025-7 passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

Two community members attended the council meeting. One attendee asked for permission to conduct metal detecting around the old school property. The council granted approval for this request.

## **OPERATIONS UPDATE:**

Michael Novitzki and Brian Hiles, representatives from ISG Engineering, provided information to the City Council about potential funding sources for constructing a water filtration system for the city's water supply. They noted that the City of Hayward is currently in a strong position on the project priority list. The Council emphasized the need for a cost analysis to determine the amount of grant and loan assistance available, as well as the potential increase in water rates for residents.

ISG collaborates closely with the Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) and informed the Council about the availability of micro and midi loans to cover initial project expenses. The Council authorized Clerk Aase to reach out to Brian Hiles to obtain estimated costs.

Operations Director Reichl attended the MRWA Annual Conference in St. Cloud March 4 – 6. Mayor Cox did snow removal during Reichl's absence.

Reichl obtained council's permission to donate an old radiator to First Baptist Church in Clarks Grove.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Hayward's Annual Clean-up Day will be held Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 12 Noon. This year residents can haul in appliances for discarding, but not microwaves, TV's and computers.

Councilor Dolph introduced **Resolution 2025-9**, a resolution accepting a donation from the Hayward Booster's Club for the school demolition project – demolition, debris clean up and removal, including also certain trees that need to be removed. Council Flaskerud seconded. Resolution

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk Aase informed the council that this year marks the 100th anniversary of Hayward's incorporation as a city. The council approved Aase's request to reach out to local businesses to gauge their interest in organizing an event on Saturday, July 12th, coinciding with the Hayward Annual City Garage Sale and Hayward Lutheran Church's Annual Bake Sale, Craft Sale, and Quilt Raffle.

Aase shared information from a letter received pertaining to an upcoming hearing on the repair and improvement of Freeborn County Ditch No. 32 (CD32). The Hearing will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Freeborn County Board Room.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilor Bangert presented questions about his new position as Animal Control Officer in the City. Councilors Flaskerud, Dolph and Lerum had nothing further to report.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

- A bill in the amount of \$3,822.10 to Freeborn Construction for work on a water main break
- A bill in the amount of \$3,681 payable to LeVander, Gillen & Miller, P.A. for legal work

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

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

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

Having no further business, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Aase  
City Clerk/Treasurer