

City of Hayward Council Meeting Minutes

Monday August 12, 2024

7:00 p.m. Hayward Community Hall

Mayor Anthony Cox called the regular meeting of the Hayward City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday August 12, 2024.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Councilor Dolph motioned to approve the 8-12-24 Hayward City Council Meeting Agenda. Councilor Lemm seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Lemm motioned to approve the 7-8-2024, Hayward City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor Bangert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Fire Chief Eric Knutson reported the fire department responded to 5 medical calls and 1 false alarm in the month of July. The new fire truck was leaking water, so it was taken back to Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc. in Osceola, WI, to be repaired.

Following a brief discussion, Councilor Dolph introduced Resolution **2024-12**, a resolution accepting a donation from the Hayward Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$6,000 with \$4,500 to be placed in the annual pension fund and \$1,500 into the new fire truck equipment fund. Councilor Flaskerud seconded. **Resolution 2024-12 passed unanimously.**

Councilor Bangert presented **Resolution 2024-13**, a resolution stipulating that the old pumper truck will be sold through a sealed bidding process and that the bids shall be opened at the October Hayward City Council Meeting.; Councilor Dolph seconded. **Resolution 2024-13 passed unanimously.**

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Jason and Rachel Miller, owners of Morrison Well and Plumbing, are interested in purchasing approximately five acres of land from the City of Hayward to build their primary business location on. The council clarified that while the City of Hayward owns the land, the property taxes are received by Hayward Township. The city needs to determine the best course of action for this property, considering the limited amount of city-owned land. The options include continuing to rent it out, which generates some income for the city, or selling it to receive one lump sum. Council decided to obtain an appropriate appraisal and find out whether Freeborn County would allow another driveway on the Freeborn Construction side of Hwy 46.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clerk/Treasurer Aase reminded council that \$414,662.80 had previously been transferred from savings to checking for the fire department to pay the remaining balance owed on the new pumper truck (refer to Resolution 2024-11). The FEMA grant arrived, and a resolution is necessary for the clerk/treasurer to replace the afore stated amount of money back into savings from checking.

Councilor Flaskerud presented **Resolution 2024-14**, a resolution allowing the transfer of said funds from the city's checking account in to the city's savings account. Councilor Dolph seconded.

Resolution 2024-14 passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS UPDATE:

Operations Director, Travis Reichl, provided the following updates:

- the Water Line Survey is completed, Reichl was able to inventory all but four homeowners' water service lines;
- Reichl provided gross alpha results and explained the publication notification requirements;
- the Hayward city truck needs new tires; after price comparisons, Reichl will purchase them from the Hayward Coop. Reichl obtained a state contract bid in the amount of (approx.) \$680 for all four tires. Without the state bid, it would cost approx. \$1000;
- Reichl will be gone for a few weeks in September and Paul Ladlie will be filling in. Reichl has been showing Ladlie things around town that need to be done and may have changed in the last few years;
- the Freeborn County bridge project has been rescheduled to the end of October or the beginning of November 2024;
- grass clippings, falling leaves, and debris plug up the storm sewer; residents need to be proactive and cautious about this problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Dolph presented Resolution **2024-15**, a resolution initiating the amendment process of City Code Chapter 91, Sect. 91.01 (3), amending the definition of non-domestic animals to include crossbred wolves, dogs, and wolf-dog hybrids whether or not such animals are commonly accepted domesticated animals. Councilor Bangert seconded. **Resolution 2024-15 passed unanimously.**

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council discussed complaints received from residents regarding the old school property. There are unused and/or discarded items located throughout the property, causing complaints from city residents. Council would like to know what the owner's plans are for the building and property. The property is zoned RI single family residential home. Absolutely no commercial or industrial business is allowed at this property.

Councilor directed Clerk Aase to send another letter to the owner of 211 W 2nd Street, Hayward, MN, the grass has grown beyond that which city code allows; owner must mow yard consistently. This will be the last letter request. If not done, the city will do it and charge \$100/hour with a \$100 minimum.

APPROVED September 9, 2024

FINANCIAL REPORTS: bill(s), exceeding \$500, for council's approval:

- bill in the amount of \$910.80 made payable to Hayward Township for dust control application for 200th St. from the cemetery to Hwy 26
- a bill in the amount of \$1836.42 made payable to Com-Tech Land Mobile Radio for repair/maintenance & small equipment/tools - fire department
- a bill in the amount of made payable to \$988.00 to LeVander, Gillen & Miller for legal work
- a bill in the amount of \$1912 made payable to LMC Insurance Trust for Worker's Comp Audit Adjustment

Councilor Lemm motioned to pay the afore-stated bill(s) exceeding \$500. Councilor Dolph seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilor Lerum motioned to approve the month of July 2024 Deposit Detail, Check Detail, YTD Balance Sheet, and the YTD Budget vs Actual Report as prepared. Councilor Dolph seconded. The motion was approved.

Councilor Flaskerud motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Dolph seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Having no further business, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Aase, City Clerk/Treasurer