

City of Hayward Council Meeting Minutes

Monday July 8, 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 July 8, 2024.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor: Anthony Cox; Councilors: Darwin Dolph, Gene Flaskerud; Derek Lerum; Mark Bangert (to be sworn in)

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

Mark Bangert took the Oath of Office as an “interim” city councilmember thus filling the vacancy left by former Councilmember Kris Young.

Councilor Dolph motioned to approve the 7-8-24 Hayward City Council Meeting Agenda. Councilor Flaskerud seconded. The motion carried.

Councilor Lerum motioned to approve the 6-10-2024, Hayward City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor Dolph seconded. The motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Fire Chief Eric Knutson reported the fire department picked up the new pumper truck and it has already been on one call. In the month of June, the fire department responded to two medical calls and two vehicle accidents. The fire department will be receiving a donation from Hayward Township in the amount of \$15,000.

Knutson inquired about the council’s plans for the former pumper truck. After discussion, it was decided to advertise for bids on Facebook.

In June, the Hayward Fire Relief Association held its annual Dueling Pianos fundraiser at the Happy Time Campground in Northwood, IA. The annual auction did not take place this year. The City of Hayward received the FEMA grant for the new pumper truck via an EFT into the City’s Savings Account. The Fire Department’s Annual Family Picnic will be held Friday September 6th (1st Friday in Sept.).

COMMUNITY FORUM:

District 23B House Representative Patricia Mueller attended the council meeting. She reported that this year the State House experienced a chaotic and frustrating conclusion to its session, leading to the failure of all bonding bills.

Mueller spoke about a couple of recent legislative actions in MN, including the MN Payroll Tax Law that imposes a .66% payroll tax on ALL employers, including nonprofits. The money will be used to fund the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave program.

Effective March 1, 2025, another new law significantly changes the classification of independent contractors, primarily in the construction industry. Federal, State, and Local disaster funding was discussed, albeit briefly.

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. Council stated it will take their request into consideration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clerk Aase reminded council, the Mayoral position and two city council seats will be up for re-election. Anyone interested in running for city office will need to complete an affidavit of candidacy and file it with the Hayward City Clerk. **Filing period begins July 30, 2024, and ends August 13, 2024 – 5 p.m.** The Affidavit of Candidacy forms can be picked up at the city office.

OPERATIONS UPDATE:

Operations Director, Travis Reichl, provided the following updates:

- on June 26, 2024, the storm sewer had a blow out on 810th Avenue, south of 3rd Street – this was a result of the heavy rains and flooding that occurred in the area;
- Reichl discharged at the ponds - all the weeds from the flooding plugged the pipe(s); may need to have lines cleaned;
- all crack filling is completed; maybe chip sealing next year?
- The property owners at 20649 - 810th Ave. had their driveway sealed; there is a continuation of the city's easement at the right of way to the lift station – easement for city is at question - the question was whether the city wanted to seal along that part of the driveway or wait until the county does their new bridge project. It was decided to wait;
- Supplies for the well pump arrived; will tentatively schedule for August 10th
- Gross Alpha test results are taken quarterly; the last few results have been well within the MCL limit
- Travis will be taking water and sewer classes in Rushford, MN on July 17 and 18th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Aase inquired about food for the Election Judges during August 13th Primary Election.

Clerk Aase informed council about a new election judge position called Sargent at Arms.

Council determined the position may have value in larger communities; but is unnecessary in the City of Hayward. The position can be combined with the Head Judge's duties.

COUNCIL REPORTS: 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 or City charges \$100/hour with a \$100 minimum.

Council directed Clerk Aase to send a letter to the new owner of the old school property, letting owner know the property is zoned R1 – single family residential only. Multiple dwellings, business and industry are not allowed on said property.

The owner of a new storage facility to be built at “Hemenway Ironworks,” 20525 810th Ave., has not begun construction. The city has allowed far more than enough time for the completion of said storage facility. Councilor Lerum stated he will speak with the owner. The city will take action, this may include mandated specific fencing and landscaping to hide the owner's personal belongings that are being stored primarily on the north front side of the property and the imposition of fines as written per city ordinance. Councilors had nothing further to report.,

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

- a bill in the amount of \$24,195 to VisuSewer for inspection technology for the assessment of sewer pipes
- a bill in the amount of \$2484 to LeVANDER GILLEN & MILLER P.A. for legal work.

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

Councilor Dolph motioned to approve the month of June 2024 Deposit Detail, Check Detail, YTD Balance Sheet, and the YTD Budget vs Actual Report as prepared. Councilor Flaskerud 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 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Aase, City Clerk/Treasurer