

**CITY OF HAYWARD
SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 10, 2025
MINUTES**

Mayor Gillis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Gillis, Ald. Hand, Ald. Herrmann, Ald. Hill, Ald. Hofer, Ald. Miller, Ald. Swan, Ald. Williamson
Council Absent: Ald. Kreyer
Others Present: Attorney Kelsey, Director McCue, Chief Savitski, Assistant Chief Anderson, Clerk Poppe, Chief Herrmann, Kristy Maki, Stacey Hessel, Richard Jackson

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kristy Maki – 2025 Birkie Event Updates & Requests

Kristy Maki, Event Director with the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation, provided the mayor and council members with an update on the 2025 Birkie events; informing the mayor and council members that the foundation is moving forward with a Main Street finish for 2025.

Earth Rider Brewery – Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to approve Timothy Nelson’s (Earth Rider Brewery) Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application to sell beer for the Birkie Giant Ski Race event on February 20, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Main Street Tacos WI LLC – Application for a Class B Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License

Ald. Williamson made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hand, to approve the issuance of a Class B Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License for the period of February 11, 2025, to June 30, 2025, to Main Street Tacos WI LLC, Rachel Aranda, agent, 10560 Main Street. Motion carried.

Shamrock Shuffle – 2025 Event Requests: Racecourse & Street Closures

Ald. Hofer made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hill, to approve the 2025 Shamrock Shuffle Racecourse as presented, starting and finishing at “The Lot” located at the corner of 3rd Street & Kansas Avenue; and to approve the closing of 3rd Street from Kansas Avenue to Main Street for the event to be held on March 15, 2025. Motion carried.

Shue’s Pond – the re-branding of Shue’s Pond: moving the playground equipment away from the water; and other improvements

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hofer, to approve moving forward with the AARP Community Challenge grant application; if awarded, using the funds to construct ADA accessible sidewalks down to the pond; and other improvements as funding allows. Motion carried.

Ald. Miller then made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson to approve the official name of Shue’s Pond as Shue’s Pond City Park. Motion carried.

Changing the Date of the March Council Meeting

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hill, to hold the March Council Meeting on Monday, March 3rd instead of on Monday, March 10th, as Mayor Gillis will be out of town on March 10th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Miller, seconded by Ald. Herrmann to approve the following:

1. **Minutes:** Public Works of 01/13; Police & Fire of 01/13; Finance of 01/13; Regular Council of 01/13; Planning Commission of 01/23
2. **From Police & Fire of 02/10:**
 - A. Moving forward with the upgrades to the shooting range, working with the Department of Defense’s Innovative Readiness Training Program throughout the project, and Chief Savitski to inquire if Sawyer County could help with the clearing and grinding of trees.

- B. Information Only. Chief Savitski informed the mayor and council members that the Birkie has set a budget of \$12,000 (which is less than half of the officer wages usually billed) for City of Hayward Officers during the Birkie events; Chief Savitski was directed to use more barricades, both concrete J-Barriers and heavy equipment to help secure vulnerable areas.
- C. Terminating the current fire department mutual/auto aid agreement with the Town of Hayward; Chief Herrmann to work with the Town of Hayward Fire Chief Hamblin and Attorney Kelsey to re-write the agreement removing the CO2 and lift assist calls from the auto aid agreement.
- D. Sale of the 1996 Spartan Tower fire truck – Chief Herrmann to check with the Village of Winter Fire Department to see if the department would be interested in the truck, allowing the Village of Winter to pay in installments if needed.
- E. Chief Herrmann to run a rope & paint along the edge of the concrete (for safety concerns) in the fire hall where the concrete was removed to accommodate the new tower truck.

3. From Finance of 02/10:

- A. The 2024 budget transfers: General Government: Council -\$3,000; Special Legal Counsel -\$100; Bathrooms +\$1,500; Taxes/Charge-offs +\$15,000 Public Safety: Police Dept. -\$3,000; Building/Zoning Enforcement +\$500; Public Works: Street Lighting +\$3,000; Parking Facilities +\$1,000 Sanitation: Garbage Collection +\$100; Landfill -\$5,000; Recycling +\$1,000 Culture & Recreation: Parks -\$35; Celebration & Events -\$15,000; Beach +\$1,000 Capital Outlays: Police Dept. +\$3,000; Public Works Equipment -\$15,000; Parks +\$15,035.
- B. The payment of City General Fund Checks numbered 37907 through 37989; Water & Sewer Fund Checks numbered 12320 through 12337; and the January account transfers

4. The issuance of an Operator License (Regular: June 30, 2025) to: Laura L Lawrence; Mattie L Boffo; and Robyn J Tenner

Roll Call Vote: Ald. Hand – yes; Ald. Herrmann – yes; Ald. Hill – yes; Ald. Hofer – yes; Ald. Miller – yes; Ald. Swan – yes; Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (7), Nays (0)

Public Comments

No Public Comments were made.

Clerk’s Report

The combined Buildings & Police CD in the amount of \$188,760.50 matured on January 14th; Interest earned in the amount of \$4,843.44 was added; the CD was renewed for an amount of \$193,603.94 for a term of six months at a rate of 4.13 percent.

The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce was issued a picnic license for a Business After 5 event held on January 30th. The Hayward Mountain Bike Team has applied for a picnic license for a Birkie Fundraising event to be held February 21st & 22nd.

Adjournment

Ald. Swan made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

*Gary Gillis, Mayor

*Lisa Poppe, City Clerk-Treasurer