

**CITY OF HAYWARD
SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2026
MINUTES**

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

Roll Call:

Council Present: Mayor Gillis, Ald. Disher, Ald. Hill, Ald. Hofer, Ald. Lang, Ald. Miller, Ald. Williamson

Council Absent: Ald. Hand and Ald. Kreyer

Others Present: Attorney Kelsey, Director McCue, Chief Savitski, Clerk Poppe, Lenora Ludzack, James Netz, Ben & Ashley LaBarre, Bill & Anna Lobner, a representative from Xcel Energy, and Celia Hiorns

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bill Lobner, Green Fleet LLC – Proposal for a collaborative application for an Energy Innovation Grant for the installation of EV Chargers

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Disher, to table any decision regarding Bill Lobner's, Green Fleet LLC, proposal to submit a collaborative application for an Energy Innovation Grant where the City of Hayward acts as the lead applicant & Green Fleet LLC serves as the technical partner & project manager in the installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers, as there are too many unknowns at this time. Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher - yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer - yes, Ald. Lang - yes, Ald. Miller - yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (6), Nays (0)

Hayward Business Improvement District – Requests for the 2026 Summer Jam Event

Ald. Hofer made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hill, to approve the request presented by James Netz, Hayward Business Improvement District, to close Second Street from Main Street to Dakota Avenue on Friday, July 3rd from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm for the 2026 Summer Jam event. Motion carried.

Hayward Hawk's Baseball Inc. – application for a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage License

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to approve the issuance of a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license for the period of June 1, 2026, through September 15, 2026, to Hayward Hawks Baseball Inc, 15930 W 5th Street, Michael A Kelsey, agent. Motion carried.

Ben LaBarre – Request the release of the Sno-Trails property from the land contract agreement

Ald. Disher made a motion, seconded by Ald. Miller, to approve Ben LaBarre's request to release the Sno-Trails property from the land contract he holds with the City of Hayward recorded on December 23, 2019, as Document No. 421754. Motion carried.

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded By Ald. Williamson, to approve the following:

1. **Minutes:** Public Works of 04/13, Finance of 04/13, Regular Council of 04/13, Annual Organizational of 04/21, Planning Commission of 04/23, Police & Fire *and* Personnel of 05/06
2. **From Police & Fire *and* Personnel of 05/06:**
 - A. The hiring of two full-time officers: Jacob Solveson - effective June 2nd (replacing Officer D Froom) and Aiden Peterson – effective October 15th upon completion of the academy (replacing Officer D Saraniecki)
3. **From Public Works of 05/11:**
 - A. The payment of Pay Request No. 1 submitted by A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$489,120.75 for the Railroad Street Reconstruction Project.
 - B. Information Only. The City of Hayward was awarded WI DOT Municipal Street Improvement Discretionary Program funding up to a limit of \$376,750 for the 2026-27 biennium. The project submitted was estimated to cost \$753,500 for the paving of Railroad Street from Hwy 27 to Dyno Drive, Dyno Drive, Donnellan Drive, Minnesota Avenue and Vermont Avenue.

4. From Finance of 05/11:

- A. The payment of City General Fund Checks numbered 39103 through 39185; Water & Sewer Fund Checks numbered 12660 through 12680; and the April account transfers.

5. The issuance of an operator license (Regular: June 30, 2026) to: Kathryn T Grey and Richard L Kipp

Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher - yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer - yes, Ald. Lang - yes, Ald. Miller - yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (6), Nays (0)

Clerk's Report

Frandsen Bank Perpetual Care Cd in the amount of \$96,050 matured on April 23rd. The CD was moved to Johnson Bank and renewed for an amount of \$96,050 for a term of nine months at a rate of 3.84%. Interest earned in the amount of \$2,444.30 was deposited into the cemetery checking account.

The Lumberjack World Championship Foundation has applied for a picnic license for the period of July 15-19, 2026.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Executive Session

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to go into executive session per §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of city owned property at the intersection of Hall of Fame Road, Pine Tree Drive, and S 2nd Street *and* per §19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved. Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher - yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer - yes, Ald. Lang - yes, Ald. Miller - yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (6), Nays (0)

Action from Executive Session

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Lang, to deny the offer to purchase city owned property at the intersection of Hall of Fame Road, Pine Tree Drive, and S 2nd Street, dated May 4, 2026, submitted by Ben & Ashley LaBarre. Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher - yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer - yes, Ald. Lang - yes, Ald. Miller - yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (6), Nays (0)

Adjournment

Ald. Williamson made a motion, seconded by Ald. Lang, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

*Gary Gillis, Mayor

*Lisa Poppe, City Clerk-Treasurer