

**CITY OF HAYWARD
SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 13, 2026
MINUTES**

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

Roll Call

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

Others Present: Attorney Kelsey, Director McCue, Chief Savitski, Clerk Poppe, Jeremy Hill, Jim Netz, Lenora Ludzack, John Keifer, Bailey Slater, Brian Priester, Tim Anderson, Celia Hoirns

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Thank you – Julie Swinkowski for the \$200 donation to the City of Hayward Fire Department

Mayor Gillis thanked Julie Swinkowski for the \$200 donation she provided to the City of Hayward Fire Department.

Jeremy Hill, Hill Construction LLC – request to restart / adjust timeline of developer’s agreement entered into on April 30, 2019

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hand, to approve Jeremy Hill’s (Hill Construction LLC) request to adjust the timeline of the TID 5 developer’s agreement entered into on April 30, 2019. Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher – yes, Ald. Hand – yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer – yes, Ald. Kreyer – yes, Ald. Lang – yes, Ald. Miller – yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (8), Nays (0)

James Netz, James Netz Photography – Request for street closure to hold an anniversary celebration

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hofer, to approve James Netz’s (James Netz Photography) request to close the two parking stalls closest to the alley on 2nd Street in front of his business on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, for a 15th anniversary open house event. Motion carried.

Brian Priester, Sawyer County Economic Development Corporation – Opportunity Zone Designation

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Hill, to approve providing a letter in support of the nomination of the eligible census tract within the city’s jurisdiction for designation as a Wisconsin Opportunity Zone; the letter to be included with the application submitted by the Sawyer County LCO Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried.

Weiss Community Library – Appointment of Brian DeVries to fill a vacancy on the library board

Ald. Disher made a motion, seconded by Ald. Miller, to approve the appointment of Brian DeVries to the Weiss Community Library Board to fill a vacancy left by Tom Burgess. Motion carried.

Sawyer County Fair – Request to hang a banner across Main Street

Ald. Hofer made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to approve a request to hang a banner across Main Street from July 20th through August 17th to promote the Sawyer County Fair; banner to have air / wind slits to take pressure off the poles. Motion carried.

Application for a Class C Wine License – The Monarch Gym LLC, 10550 N Ranch Road, Hannah Slater, agent

Ald. Williamson made a motion, seconded by Ald. Lang, to approve the issuance of a Class C Wine License for the period of July 14, 2026, through June 30, 2026, to The Monarch Gym LLC, 10550 N Ranch Road, Hannah Slater, agent. Motion carried.

Application for a Class C Wine and Class “B” Beer License – Northern Enterprises of Hayward Inc., 10604 Beal Avenue, Stephen M Olsen, agent

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Lang, to approve the issuance of a Class C Wine license and a Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage license to Northern Enterprises of Hayward Inc., 10604 Beal Avenue, Stephen M Olsen, agent. Motion carried.

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Kreyer, to approve the following:

1. **Minutes:** Police & Fire of 06/08; Public Works of 06/08; Finance of 06/08; Regular Council of 06/08; Special Council of 06/15; Special Council of 06/22
2. **From Public Works of 07/13:**
 - A. Update regarding the Railroad Street Reconstruction Project - Director McCue stated that the concrete work is complete. There have been no concrete issues since Harmon Concrete replaced Hovland on the project. Monarch Paving is currently shaping the roadway and adjusting the height of water valves, manholes, etc. Depending on the weather, Monarch plans to pave the first layer this week and finish paving next week.
 - B. Payment of the third pay request submitted by A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$443,461.33 for the Railroad Street Reconstruction Project.
 - C. The hiring of an additional public works laborer – tabled, to be discussed at a later date.
3. **From Finance of 07/13:**
 - A. The payment of City General Fund Checks numbered 39238 through 39333; Water & Sewer Fund Checks numbered 12707 through 12734; and the June account transfers.
4. **The issuance of an operator license (Regular: June 30, 2027) to:** Shane A Gilsdorf, Denyse A Blackdeer, Lora J Hills, Casidy M Landry, Shila J Patko, Rocco R Goold, Emily L DeBriyn, Stephanie L Poplin, Carrie O Cribb, Amanda L Fleming, Benjamin J Retzlaff, Jean M Gilbert, Nathaniel A Miller, Heather M Vabalaitis, Nelson J Barber, Melissa M McNitt, Cindy L Eytcheson, Emily D Williamson

Roll Call Vote: Ald. Disher – yes, Ald. Hand – yes, Ald. Hill - yes, Ald. Hofer – yes, Ald. Kreyer – yes, Ald. Lang – yes, Ald. Miller – yes, Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (8), Nays (0)

Public Comments

Timothy Anderson, Hayward Bait, addressed the mayor and council regarding the Railroad Street Reconstruction project. Mr. Anderson questioned whether Monarch Paving would have to pay the per day penalty for not having the project completed on time and if Monarch pays the penalty what happens to the money. Mayor Gillis informed Mr. Anderson that the subject has not been addressed at this time. Director McCue will keep Mr. Anderson up to date as to when the issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

Adjournment

Ald. Lang made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

*Gary Gillis, Mayor

*Lisa Poppe, City Clerk-Treasurer