

**CITY OF HAYWARD
SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 11, 2025
MINUTES**

Mayor Gillis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Gillis, Ald. Hand, Ald. Herrmann, Ald. Hill, Ald. Hofer, Ald. Kreyer, Ald. Miller, Ald. Swan, Ald. Williamson
Others Present: Attorney Kelsey, Director McCue, Chief Savitski, Chief Herrmann, Clerk Poppe, Bill Phillips, Brooke McElfresh, Celia Hiorns

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tristan Wirkus, Sawyer County Wellness Committee – request to hide geocache at the City Beach
Ald. Hofer made a motion, seconded by Ald. Kreyer, to approve the request submitted by Tristan Wirkus on behalf of the Sawyer County Wellness Committee in an email dated July 31, 2025, to hide a geocache at the City Beach. Motion carried.

Michael Raymonds – District Ranger, ST Croix National Scenic River Way – request to use city property at Hall of Fame Drive, Lake Drive & Second Street for volunteer parking on Saturday, September 6th for a river clean-up day

Ald. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to approve the request made by Micheal Raymonds, District Ranger for the ST Croix National Scenic River Way, to use city property at Hall of Fame Drive, Lake Drive & Second Street for volunteer parking on Saturday, September 6th for a river clean-up day. Motion carried.

Bill Phillips – request to extend the blacktop on Edward Street

Bill Phillips and Brooke McElfresh addressed the mayor and council members requesting that the end of Edward Street be paved. Discussion followed. Mayor Gillis stated that the paving of Edward Street is not in the budget for 2025. Director McCue stated that Edward Street is on the list to be paved, and the paving list is continually changing. No specific date was provided as to when Edward Street would be paved. No official action was taken.

Ald. Swan made a motion, seconded by Ald. Williamson, to approve the following:

1. **Minutes:** Public Works of 07/14; Finance of 07/14; and Regular Council of 07/14
2. **From Police & Fire of 08/11:**
 - A. Attorney Kelsey and Chief Savitski to draft an ordinance addressing the issue of loitering, sleeping, or camping on city property by setting closing hours for all city property including the beach, parks, etc.
3. **From Public Works of 08/11:**
 - A. Update regarding the encroachment of David Gaydos's building located at 10331 State Road 27 onto the right of way of S 2nd Street: Attorney Kelsey stated that he and Director McCue have reviewed the area and determined what portion of the street needs to be vacated. A legal description is needed to complete the petition to vacate. A surveyor will now be hired to provide a legal description of the property to be vacated.
 - B. Update regarding the vacation of Nightingale Court: Attorney Kelsey stated that a quit claim deed has been drafted to transfer the Nightingale Court road property to AB Land LLC. Charles & Tracey Gundersen have signed the deed; an additional partner needs to sign the deed. The mayor and clerk will then sign the deed.
 - C. The hiring of Ethan Paske as a public works laborer. (John Hanlon was approved for hire last month but declined the position prior to starting.)
 - D. The proposal provided by Lane Tank Company Inc. in the amount of \$165,000 to paint the 150,000-gallon elevated water storage tank off Nyman Avenue; and the amount of \$14,500 to install roof safety railing on the same water storage tank.
 - E. Director McCue running for a position on the WI Rural Water Association Board representing District 4; and to provide the support needed for Director McCue to fulfill his duties as a WI Rural Water Association Board member.

4. From Finance of 08/11:

- A. The payment of City General Fund Checks numbered 38396 through 38479; Water & Sewer Fund Checks numbered 12451 through 12478; and the July account transfers.

5. The issuance of an operator's license (Regular: June 30, 2026) to: Daniel P MacLaughlin; Jess J MacLaughlin; and Dante R Snider

Roll Call Vote: Ald. Hand – yes; Ald. Herrmann – yes; Ald. Hill – yes; Ald. Hofer – yes; Ald. Kreyer – yes; Ald. Miller – yes; Ald. Swan – yes; Ald. Williamson – yes. Motion carried. Ayes (8), Nays (0).

Clerk's Report

The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce has applied for a picnic license for the Fall Festival event to be held on September 20th.

The Frandsen Bank Perpetual Care CD in the amount of \$94,550 matured on July 22nd; \$1,500 in grave sales was added to the CD; the CD was renewed for an amount of \$96,050 for a term of nine months at a rate of 3.40 percent. Interest earned in the amount of \$2,616.57 was deposited into the cemetery checking account.

A Johnson Bank CD in the amount of \$193,603.94 matured on July 24th; Interest in the amount of \$4,047.12 was added to the CD; the CD was renewed for an amount of \$197,651.06 for a term of 13 months at a rate of 4.05 percent.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Adjournment

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

*Gary Gillis, Mayor

*Lisa Poppe, City Clerk-Treasurer