

Hayward City Council Meeting

February 1, 2010

Present: Willis Pfiesser, Carol Becker, Dale Matson, Mike Hansen, & Nick Semple

Dale Matson moved for the acceptance of January meeting minutes. Carol Becker advanced; motion carried.

Council discussed the energy audit and suggestions made by the representative from Alliant Energy. Maintenance Supervisor, Paul Ladlie has obtained some quotes to replace lighting; he is still waiting on pricing for a new furnace and air conditioning unit. Paul Ladlie explained the quotes that he received to replace and eliminate light fixtures in city buildings. Within the quotes it described the savings the City will have on an annual basis, along with the rebates. Council will table this until next month, when they have quotes from all interested parties.

Council revisited water and sewer rate increases. They asked the Clerk to explain how the expenses are being broken down with the new budget. City Clerk, Tiffany Krueger explained that with the new breakdown of the budget for 2010 expenses will be allocated to the proper funds. For example; payroll is broken down so the general fund doesn't carry the entire expense. Now they will be allocated to water, sewer, street and general funds based on an average percentage. Along with utilities, telephone, office supplies, fuel, work comp. insurance, equipment repairs that are used for all city departments. By breaking down the expenses it will relieve the general fund of thousands of dollars each year allowing the city to reduce or maintain the levy at a more affordable rate for tax payers and make all departments responsible for their expenses.

Dale Matson moves to support the proposed rate increases for water at \$68 per quarter and sewer at \$62 per quarter. Carol Becker advanced; motion carried with a 3:1 vote. Nick Semple voted no.

Fire Chief, Eric Knutson shared with the council the four auto accidents, two fire calls that were mutual aid, and the two medical calls they responded to the month of January. He also stated the Fire Department responded to ten fire calls, two mutual aid calls, and thirty-three medical and car accidents in 2009. Council discussed how the billing is done for fire calls and how do they decide who gets billed and who doesn't. Eric stated, that no one in the City of Hayward or in the Township of Hayward gets billed for fire calls. But, he requested that the City Clerk take over billing for calls responded to by Hayward Fire Department.

Carol Becker motioned to have the City Clerk be responsible for the Fire Call Billing. Mike Hansen advanced; motion carried.

Carol Becker motioned to approve the Fire Contracts for Hayward, Riceland, and Oakland Townships. Nick Semple advanced; motion carried.

Nick Semple motioned to accept resolution 2010-2 donation from Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$5000. Dale Matson advanced; motion carried.

Dale Matson motioned to accept resolution 2010-3 donation from Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$4500. Nick Semple advanced; motion carried.

Mike Hansen motioned to accept resolution 2010-4 donation from Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$3000. Nick Semple advanced; motion carried.

Carol Becker motioned to accept resolution 2010-5 Freeborn County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Nick Semple advanced; motion carried.

Mike Hansen motioned to continue charging \$1500 for a liquor license fee. Dale Matson advanced motion carried.

Council stated they would like the owners of Julio's to attend the next council meeting in March.

Carol Becker motioned for Paul Ladlie to attend annual training in St. Cloud. Nick Semple advanced; motion carried.

Carol Becker motioned to approve bills paid the month of January. Dale Matson advanced; motion carried.

Mayor, Willis Pfeiffer adjourned the meeting.

Tiffany Krueger
City Clerk