

1 **Common Council**
2 **City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**
3 **23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**
4 **December 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**
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6 **Call to Order:** Mayor Taskay called the Common Council to order at 5:30 p.m.
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8 **Roll Call:** Council members present were Mickey Loka, Patricia Haskin, Ed Nystrom, Jeff Kahle,
9 Will Garske, Mike Loka, Tadd Wegener, Steve “Ding” Bartz, and Dale Ernst.

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11 Also in attendance was Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Police Sergeant
12 Steve Buckwalter, Officer Brett Susa, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, and Library Director
13 Heidi O’Hare. The Public in attendance were Zach Garner, Laurel Reinke, RDH, Juday Sergent RN
14 of Lincoln County Health Department, Sue Kuber, RN, Shelley Hersil of the Lincoln County Health
15 Department, Kieth Cohrs, Roxanne Consolver, Jalen Maki (virtual), and Sara Guild (virtual).
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17 **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Mayor led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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19 **Public Hearing:** BARTZ MOVED to enter into the public hearing and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE
20 was unanimous. The public hearing was opened at 5:31 p.m.
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22 1.) 2025 Budget Adoption Ordinance, an ordinance appropriating the necessary funds to the
23 operation of the government and administration of the City of Tomahawk for the year 2025
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25 There were no public comments.
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27 2.) An ordinance setting the levy amounts for the tax year 2024, collectable in 2025
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29 There were no public comments.
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31 BARTZ MOVED to adjourn the public hearing and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
32 The public hearing was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.
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34 **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
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36 **Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** MIKE LOKA MOVED to approve November 12, 2024, minutes and
37 GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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39 **Approval of Checks:** HASKIN MOVED to approve to approve General Fund account checks 116164
40 – 116250 and 13 electronic payments in the amount of \$270,738.61, payroll checks 53216 – 53282
41 and direct deposit checks V14077 – V14155 in the amount of \$117,443.93 and Solid Waste Fund
42 check 1963 in the amount of \$65.43. MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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44 **Committee Reports:**

45 Planning and Zoning Commission: The Planning and Zoning Commission has not met.
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47 Board of Public Works: ROSENMEIER stated that at the Board of Public Works meeting the Board
48 approved the Treasurer’s report, tabled a request from Tomahawk Main Street to place a State
49 Historical marker downtown, they reviewed the reissuance for the WPDES Permit (waste water

1 discharge) and new requirements due to reclassification of the stream that the plant discharges
2 into. He also reported that the budget for the Water Utility for 2025 was approved.

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4 Health and Safety Committee: GARSKE reported that the Health and Safety Committee met just
5 prior to the Council meeting and all the items taken up by the Committee are before the Council
6 tonight.

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8 Finance Committee: MICKEY LOKA stated that the Finance Committee met just prior to the
9 Council meeting and all the items taken up by the Committee are before the Council tonight.

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11 Park and Recreation Committee: The Park and Recreation Committee has not met.

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13 Commission on Aging: The Commission on Aging Commission has not met.

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15 Library Board: O'HARE that the lobby door has been installed to make it more accessible. O'HARE
16 stated that the December reading challenge is Polar Express.

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18 O'HARE stated that the Library is part of the Island of Brilliance that works with art and will continue
19 to gather once a week.

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21 Mayor's Report: Mayor TASKAY reported he continues to take calls from citizens. He also stated
22 that he participated in the Venison Feed.

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24 Written Report from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc.: The Council reviewed the written report from
25 Tomahawk Main Street.

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27 **Resolutions:**

28 A resolution authorizing an advisory referendum regarding fluorination of the municipal water
29 supply: Shelly Hersil from the Lincoln County Health Department stated that the Health
30 Department does an assessment of oral health of people 18 years old. She stated that 42% of
31 Lincoln County does not have dental insurance, these are big issues. She stated that during the
32 assessment in 2023, the biggest issue for residents was getting a dentist, taking time off of work.
33 She stated that we are one of four counties in the State that does not have a dentist that accepts
34 Medicare. Hersil stated that our biggest strength is fluoridation of the municipal water system.

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36 GARSKE MOVED to adopt the resolution and BARTZ seconded.

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38 MICKEY LOKA MOVED to amend the resolution to delete the words "continue to" and HASKIN
39 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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41 HASKIN questioned how we were going to pay for the needed improvements if we are to
42 reintroduce fluoride to the water system. Roxanne Consolver asked if this cost would be included
43 on the ballot question.

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45 The VOTE on the amendment to the resolution was unanimous.

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47 The VOTE to adopt the resolution as amended was unanimous.

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49 BARTZ stated that regardless of the outcome of the vote, we paid an engineering firm to design a
50 chemical room, they knew what chemicals would be stored in the room. He stated that we come

1 to find out that they should not be stored together, and this has put us on the fluoride path. He
2 questioned who is responsible.

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4 **Ordinances:**

5 2025 Budget Adoption Ordinance, an ordinance appropriating the necessary funds to the operation
6 of the government and administration of the City of Tomahawk for the year 2025: MICKEY LOKA
7 MOVED to adopt the proposed budget and ordinance; HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was
8 unanimous. This will be ordinance 2024-04.

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10 An ordinance setting the levy amounts for the tax year 2024, collectable in 2025: HASKIN MOVED
11 to adopt the proposed levy ordinance and MICKEY LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
12 This will be ordinance 2024-05.

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14 2025 Salary Ordinance, an ordinance hereby fixing the annual and hourly salaries for the City of
15 Tomahawk for the year 2025: BARTZ MOVED to adopt the proposed salary ordinance and KAHLE
16 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. This will be ordinance 2024-06.

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18 **Other Business:**

19 2025-2027 Agreement Between the City of Tomahawk and the Tomahawk Professional Police
20 Association: MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve the agreement and BARTZ seconded. The VOTE
21 was unanimous.

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23 Proposed amendment to the agreement between the City of Tomahawk and Republic Serviced for
24 Solid Waste and Recycling Services: MIKE LOKA MOVED to approve the amendment and
25 WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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27 **Set Time and Date of Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is
28 scheduled for January 7, 2025 at City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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30 **Adjournment:** NYSTROM MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and GARSKE
31 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.