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**Common Council**  
**City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**  
**23 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**  
**April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Taskay called the Common Council to order at 5:01 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Council members present were Mickey Loka, Patricia Haskin, Ed Nystrom, Jeff Kahle, Mike Loka, Tadd Wegener, Will Garske, and Dale Ernst. Absent was Steve “Ding” Bartz.

Also in attendance were Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Lead Water Operator Glenn Hanna, Police Chief Al Elvins, and Library Director Heidi O’Hare. Also in attendance was Jennifer Turkiewicz, Dawn Genelin, Zach Garner, and Sarah Guild (virtual).

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Mayor led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Oath of Office:** Clerk BARTZ administered the Oath of Office for Mickey Loka, Jeff Kahle, and Tadd Wegener.

**Selection of Council President:** Mayor TASKAY asked for nominations for Council President. MICKEY LOKA nominated Jeff Kahle for Council President and MIKE LOKA seconded. The Mayor asked for any other nominations, hearing none, nominations were closed. The VOTE to elect KAHLE as Council President was unanimous.

**Public comments:** Dale Ernst stated that he received a complaint regarding junk in a vacant yard on Brief Street. Clerk BARTZ directed him to file a complaint with the Police Department.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:** GARSKE MOVED to approve the minutes from March 4, 2025 as presented and MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

HASKIN MOVED to approve the minutes from March 25, 2025 and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

**Approval of Checks and Vouchers:** HASKIN MOVED to approve checks 117500 to 117626 and 14 electronic payments in the amount of \$237,170.84, payroll checks 53341 to 53356 and direct deposits from V14427 to V14510 in the amount of \$170,312.56 and Solid Waste check 1696 in the amount of \$5,755.34.

**Reports:**

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** Clerk BARTZ reported that Planning and Zoning met on March 25, 2025 and reviewed a rezone request for Daigle Brother/Daigle Rentals.

**Board of Public Works:** Rosenmeier reported that the Board of Public Works met on March 25, 2025 and stated that there are a number of ordinance/resolutions being prepared for adoption in regarding application for the Community Development Block Grant for Nelson Land Water Relay. He stated that it would be 25% City 75% Grant funding.

1 Health and Safety Committee: GARSKE reported that the Health and Safety Committee met on  
2 March 25, 2025 and all the items are on the agenda for Council review.

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4 Finance Committee: MICKEY LOKA stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed City  
5 owned property. He stated that we have put our bids for 5 properties and are asking for proposals  
6 on the Kaphaem Road Property.

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8 Park and Recreations Committee: KAHLE stated that Park and Recs have not met. MICKEY LOKA  
9 stated that he has received requests for a port-a-potty at Bradley Park Boat Landing.

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11 Library Board – O’HARE reported that over spring break they had some special visitors, Bluey and  
12 Bingo. She also reported that they have started to work on their 2026 budget, that they have  
13 received their third round of funding for the ALA Grant, and that they were awarded the Nature  
14 Grant.

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16 Mayor’s Report: Mayor TASKAY reported that he attended the Lincoln County Economic Summit  
17 and gave a welcoming speech and the State of Tomahawk speech. He noted that the event was  
18 well attended. He stated that he attended the Fall Ride planning meeting at the Chamber, worked  
19 at the election and attended the WJJQ Home, Sport, & Travel Show.

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21 Tomahawk Main Street, Inc.: Jennifer Turkiewicz, Main Street Director, reported that the Historical  
22 Marker application has been submitted, working on new benches and flower baskets, the Easter  
23 Scavenger Hunt is under way, attended Taste of Tomahawk on March 15, 2025, and attended the  
24 Lincoln County Economic Summit.

#### 25 26 **License and Permits**

27 Operator’s (Bartender’s) License: MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve the operator’s license as  
28 presented and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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30 Culpepper & Merriweather Circus – July 5, 2025: HASKIN MOVED to approve the permit as  
31 presented and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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33 Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. Customer Appreciation – August 16, 2025: GARSKE MOVED to approve  
34 the permit as presented and MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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36 Tomahawk Main Street Oktoberfest – October 11, 2025: MIKE LOKA MOVED to approve the permit  
37 as presented to waive open intoxicants within the event area from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. GARSKE  
38 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

#### 39 40 **Resolutions**

41 A Resolution of the City of Tomahawk to Adopt the Policy to Prohibit the Use of Excessive Force and  
42 to Enforce Applicable State and Local Laws Prohibiting Barring Entrances/Exits for Nonviolent Civil  
43 Rights: Mayor TASKAY read the resolution.

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45 Clerk BARTZ explained the resolution. She noted that Chief ELVINS has already updated the  
46 Department’s Policies by adding “The Tomahawk Police Department prohibits the use of excessive  
47 force against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations and will enforce  
48 state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is  
49 subject to such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the Tomahawk Police Department

1 jurisdiction if the demonstrators are lawfully there. (Section 104 (l)(1) of Title I of the Housing and  
2 Community Development Act of 1974 as Amended (42 U.S.C 69 S 5304))”

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4 MICKEY LOKA MOVED to adopt the resolution as presented and WEGENER seconded. The VOTE  
5 was unanimous.

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7 Authorizing Resolution to Submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application:  
8 Mayor TASKAY read the resolution. HASKIN MOVED to adopt the resolution as presented and  
9 MICKEY LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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11 **Other Business**

12 Adoption of Wisconsin Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan: Clerk BARTZ  
13 reviewed the plan with the Council. MICKEY LOKA MOVED to adopt the plan as written and HASKIN  
14 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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16 2025-2026 Boards, Commission, and Committee Appointments: GARSKE MOVED to approve the  
17 Mayor’s recommendations and WEGENER seconded.

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19 MICKEY LOKA asked about the appointment for Police and Fire Commission and the Community  
20 Development Authority. Clerk BARTZ stated that we can update those missing appointments at the  
21 next Council meeting.

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23 The VOTE was unanimous.

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25 Official Depositories: HASKIN MOVED to approve Crossbridge Community Bank, Park City Credit  
26 Union, Incredible Bank, Association Bank, Local Government Investment Pool as the official  
27 depositories of the City of Tomahawk and MICKEY seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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29 Official News Paper of the City of Tomahawk: GARSKE MOVED to approve the Tomahawk Leader as  
30 the official newspaper for the City of Tomahawk and WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was  
31 unanimous.

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33 Disallowance of Claims of Harley Davidson Date April 7, 2024: MIKE LOKA MOVED to disallow the  
34 Claim from Harley Davidson dated April 7, 2024 and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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36 **Set Time and Date of Next meeting:** The next regular meetings of the Common Council is  
37 scheduled for April 29, 2025, at City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. and May 6, 2025 at City  
38 Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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40 **Adjournment:** MICKEY LOKA MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and GARSKE  
41 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.