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Common Council
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
April 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order: President Kahle called the Common Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were Mayor Steven E. Taskay (virtual), Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Lead Water Operator Glenn Hanna, Lead Wastewater Operator Rich Thiemer, Police Chief Al Elvins. Also in attendance was Kevin Wagner from Ruekert & Mielke, Jennifer Turkiewicz from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc., Sara Guild (virtual) from Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation (LCEC) Zach Garner, Mike Timm, and Roxanne Consolver.

Pledge of Allegiance: President KAHLE led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Public Hearing – Proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application: GARSKE MOVED to open the public hearing and MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The public hearing was opened at 5:02 p.m.

Identification of Total Potential Funding Available: Kevin Wagner explained that CDBG program allows for a funding match of up to \$1,000,000 for a public facilities project. This project is estimated to cost \$1,050,000 with the City providing \$350,000 and the CDBG program providing a \$700,000 match.

There were no public comments or questions.

Eligible CDBG Activities: Wagner stated that the types of activities eligible for CDBG funding include Corona Virus response, economic development, housing rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance or special housing projects, planning activities for community development, public facilities improvements, and public facilities improvements for economic development. Wagner stated that this application is for the public facilities funding.

There were no public comments or questions.

Presentation of Identified Community Development and Housing Needs: Wagner stated that the 2020 Housing Survey found that when asked is there is enough suitable housing to rent in the Tomahawk area, 7% of respondents agreed, 79% of respondents disagreed. He furthered explained when asked if there was enough housing sufficient for people over 65, 15% agreed while 15% disagreed, when asked if the availability of public housing is adequate, 18% of respondents agreed, while 54% of respondents disagreed, and when asked if the availability of moderately priced housing is adequate (based on moderate annual income of approximately \$45,000), 20% of respondents agreed while 58% of respondents disagreed.

1 Wagner stated that this project helps address the following goals laid out within the
2 Comprehensive Plan:

- 3 1. Housing Goal 1: Encourage the development of new housing units and rehabilitation of
4 existing units.
- 5 2. Utilities and Community Finance Goal 1: Encourage adequate infrastructure and public
6 services, and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand
7 of a harmonious mix of residential, commercial, and industrial uses.
- 8 3. Utilities and Community Finance, Goal 2: Promote an effective and efficient supply of
9 utilities, facilities and services that meet the needs and expectations of residents.
- 10 4. Utilities and Community Finance, Issue 2: Low water pressure. Wagner stated that one of
11 the primary reasons for this project is to address the issue of low water pressure for residents on
12 Nelson Lane and Division Street.
- 13 5. Land Use, Goal 1: Promote the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and
14 public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and
15 industrial structures.

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17 There were no public comments or questions.

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19 Presentation of Activities Proposed for CDBG Application: Wagner provided the Council and
20 public with a map of the proposed project. He stated that the proposed activities including relay
21 of existing 2” water main of Nelson Lane and Division Street with a new 6” water main, extension
22 of 6” water main from Division to east to County Road CC. Lining of existing sanitary sewer on
23 Nelson Lane and manhole rehabilitation work. Ditching work on the northeast side of Nelson Lane
24 and the north and south side of Division Street, as well as driveway culvert and road culvert work.
25 Pulverizing the existing asphalt roadway and overlay with new asphalt pavement.

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27 There were no public comments or questions.

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29 Review any Potential Residential and Non-Residential Displacement: Wagner stated that there will
30 not be any residential displacement on this project.

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32 There were no public comments or questions.

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34 Resident Input Regarding Community Development and Housing Needs, the Proposed CDBG
35 Project, and other CDBG activities: There were no public comments or questions.

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37 GARSKE MOVED to close the public hearing and MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
38 The public hearing was closed at 5:09 p.m.

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40 **Resolutions**

41 A borrowing resolution in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes
42 approving the borrowing from the State Trust Fund of the State of Wisconsin in the sum of three
43 hundred and fifty thousand dollars and 00/100 (\$350,000) for the purpose of financing *Nelson Lane*
44 *Water Main Relay Project* and for no other purpose: MIKEY LOKA MOVED to adopt the resolution as
45 presented and MIKE LOKA seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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47 A resolution to Amend the Citizens Participation Plan for the Community Development Block
48 Grant: MIKE LOKA MOVED to adopt the resolution as presented and MIKEY LOKA seconded. The
49 VOTE was unanimous.

1 A resolution providing a guaranteed match for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant
2 Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) Application: HASKIN MOVED to adopt the resolution as presented and
3 WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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5 **Other Business:**

6 Committee Seat Appointment – Citizen Participation Committee: Clerk BARTZ stated that the
7 recommendation of the Mayor would be to appoint those members of the Board of Public Works,
8 Mayor Steve Taskay, Ed Nystrom, Will Garske, Dale Ernst and Steve “Ding” Bartz, to the Citizen
9 Participation Committee.

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11 GARSKE MOVED to approve the appointments as recommended and MICKEY LOKA seconded.
12 The VOTE was unanimous.

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14 **Set Time and Date of the Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is
15 scheduled for May 6, 2025, at City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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17 **Adjournment:** GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and MIKE LOKA
18 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.