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FINANCE COMMITTEE
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
June 24, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order: Mickey Loka called the Finance Committee to order at 5:23 p.m.

Roll Call: Committee members present were Patricia Haskin, Mickey Loka, and Dale Ernst. Absent was Steve "Ding" Bartz.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Police Chief Al Elvins, Water Leadsperson Glenn Hanna, Library Director Heidi O'Hare, Wastewater Leadsperson Rich Thiemer, Street Crewperson Zach Sherman, Mayor Steve Taskay, and Alderperson Tadd Wegener and Will Garske. Also in attendance were Tomahawk Main Street Director Jennifer Turkiewicz, Dawn Genelin, Zach Garner, and Janet Wells.

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Approval of Checks and Vouchers: ERNST MOVED to approve General Fund account checks 117813 to 117945, 17 electronic payments in the amount of \$348,008.84, payroll checks 53394 to 53407 and direct deposit checks V14743 – V14830 in amount of \$110,162.47. KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Reports:

General Fund Financial Report: Clerk BARTZ reviewed the report with the Committee. She noted that she added the prior year's balance of the Health Reserve Account in the report for the Committee to be able to compare. KAHLE MOVED to approve the report, and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Board of Public Works Treasurer's Report: The Committee reviewed the report for the Board of Public Works.

Other Business:

2026 Proposed Library Budget: O'HARE addressed the Committee. She explained how the cross-county funding is calculated. She stated that the formula to calculate the county contribution is based on the amount of items checked out at our library by their residents and the cost per circulation.

KAHLE asked if we were getting charged the same from other Libraries. O'HARE confirmed but noted that the only other library that has a higher cross-county check-out rate is Minocqua.

O'HARE reviewed the contract with Lincoln County from 1991. She explained that the aid from Lincoln County is the amount of total check out from Lincoln County Residents outside the City limits divided by the overall check outs. She stated that this is the percentage of the overall expenses paid by Lincoln County. She stated that the contract excludes construction or remodeling or to reduce the amount of City support per customer.

1 ERNST questioned why the amount of check outs for the City residents are not included in the County's
2 aid, O'HARE stated that is the portion considered local support or the amount from the City.
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4 Mickey LOKA asked what capital project was completed in 2025. O'HARE stated that was the
5 furnace/Air Conditioner project.
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7 O'HARE noted that the only increase to the City's levy was \$3,500 for half the cost of the building
8 insurance.
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10 Mickey LOKA stated that the budget was very well done.
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12 ROSENMEIER asked about the memorials and donations, O'HARE stated that they budget a low amount.
13 She stated that most of those funds are for a specific purpose. Discussion followed.
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15 KAHLE stated that the budget was well done and good information was provided.
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17 HASKIN asked about the wage increase for the Library staff and commented that they are the lowest
18 paid Library in the County.
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20 O'HARE stated that they currently budget single health insurance plans for all of the Library staff but
21 that could change if someone gets married, has a baby, or the staff is replaced. She explained that this
22 year they set up a Health Insurance Reserve account.
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24 HASKIN MOVED to recommend approval of the 2026 Proposed Library budget and ERNST seconded.
25 The VOTE was unanimous.
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27 **Set Time and Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be the last
28 Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers or at the call of the chairperson.
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30 **Land meetings:** A meeting will be set after the holiday due to scheduling conflicts, the clerk will continue
31 to work with the attorney until they are able to meet.
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33 **Adjourn:** KAHLE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee and HASKIN seconded. The
34 VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.