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FINANCE COMMITTEE
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
October 21, 2025, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mickey Loka called the Finance Committee to order at 5:0014 p.m.

Roll Call: Committee members were Mickey Loka, Patricia Haskin, Jeff Kahle, Dale Ernst, and Steve “Ding” Bartz.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Police Chief Al Elvins, Police Sargent Matt Gorrell, Fire Chief Paul Winter, Library Director Heidi O’Hare, and Samantha Colburn.

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: HASKIN MOVED to approve the meeting minutes from September 2, 2025, October 9, 2025, and October 13, 2025. BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Other Business:

2026 Proposed Fund 100 – General fund Budget: Clerk BARTZ stated that the Airport Commission met since the last meeting and reviewed all their expenditures. She stated that they are making some changes to their utilities and operating costs that will bring significant savings. She stated that those changes are reflected in the budget.

Mickey LOKA asked if the D.A.R.E. and K-9 Fund donations and expenditures are accounted for equally in the revenues and expenditures. Clerk confirmed that they are.

Chief ELVINS stated that there were some questions that arose about staffing at the Police Department. He stated that he went to the Internation Police Chief Association and the average number of officers per 1,000 of population is 2.5-4.2.

Mickey LOKA stated that if we look at the bottom line, we need to cut \$3,302.23 from the budget yet. He asked what properties were included in the budgeted sale of City property. Clerk BARTZ stated that it was Fuzzy’s old building and the lot next to CESA 9. He questioned if we should be looking at the vacant property next to the Church. HASKIN asked how we increase the tax base if we have no land to develop. BARTZ stated that the problem with Kaphaem Rd is that there is not on city water.

Chief ELVINS suggested cutting the \$2600 for the Kwahamot. He asked how much revenue they make in a season and what their costs are. Mickey LOKA stated that they bring in over six figures, but they also spend over six figures putting on the ski show. Chief ELVINS stated that we all had to take a hard hit this year and maybe they need to be cut from the budget.

The Committee discussed the donation amount to the Humane Society, Haven and the Historical Society.

1 HASKIN stated that she feels like we are building a fence around ourselves. Mickey LOKA stated that
2 there is a fence around us, the Town of Bradley.
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4 HASKINS asked about cutting the Kwahamot, Clerk BARTZ stated that each of the departments were
5 asked to cut their share of the budget evenly, she explained that the Parks Department did cut the
6 amount asked of them and asked if the remaining cuts should come from the Parks.
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8 HASKIN thanked the Police and Fire Departments for stepping up to make cuts.
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10 Chief ELVINS stated that we need to look at upping the fees for events, food trucks, and merchants. He
11 stated that these businesses come into town and make thousands from our events, and we are spending
12 \$30,000 on police services. Discussion followed.
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14 HASKIN MOVED to send the review of event fees, food trucks, and merchants to the Health and Safety
15 Committee and Mickey LOKA seconded.
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17 Mickey LOKA suggested adding the \$3,302.23 deficit to the sale of city property, it was approved by
18 unanimous consent.
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20 BARTZ MOVED to approve the general fund budget and ERNST seconded.
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22 Mickey LOKA thanked all the departments for their work on the budget.
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24 The VOTE was unanimous.
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26 **Set Time and Date of Next Meeting:** The Finance Committee will meet on November 5, 2025 at 5:30
27 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers to discuss land sales for 2026.
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29 The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee will be the last Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. at
30 City Hall in the Council Chambers or at the call of the chairperson.
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32 **Adjourn:** HASKIN MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee and BARTZ seconded. The
33 VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.