

1 **Common Council**
2 **City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**
3 **23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**
4 **October 7, at 5:30 p.m.**

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6 **Call to Order:** Mayor Steven Taskay called the Common Council to order at 5:37 p.m.
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8 **Roll Call:** Council members present were Patricia Haskin, Robert Soward, Dale Ernst, Will Garske,
9 and Mike Loka. Absent were Mickey Loka, Jeff Kahle, and Steve “Ding” Bartz.

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11 Also in attendance were Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street
12 Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Library Director Heidi O’Hare, Sara Guild from Lincoln County
13 Economic Development Corporation, Jennifer Turkiewicz from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc., Zach
14 Garner from WJJQ, Jalen Maki from the Tomahawk Leader, Christin Alvy, Dan DeRizzo, and Dawn
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17 **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor TASKAY led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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19 **Public comments:** Christin Alvy stated that she lives on 6th Street and missed the Health and
20 Safety Meeting where the rat issue was discussed. She stated that they have caught 6 rats in their
21 backyard and know that other people in the area are having issues and this needs to be addressed.
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23 Dan DeRizzo stated that in addition to catching 6 rats, they have lost 4 traps.
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25 **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Mike LOKA MOVED to approve the minutes from September 2,
26 2025 as presented and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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28 **Approval of Checks and Vouchers:** HASKIN MOVED to approve General Fund account checks
29 118140 to 118250 and 15 electronic payments in the amount of \$344,318.63 and payroll checks
30 53436 – 53455 and direct deposit checks V15029– V15163 in the amount of \$169,742.83. GARSKE
31 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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33 **Reports:**

34 **Planning and Zoning Commission:** Planning and Zoning Commission has not met since the last
35 Council meeting.
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37 **Board of Public Works:** Nick Rosenmeier stated that the Board of Public Works met on September
38 30, 2025 and approved the 2025 Wastewater budget, postponed any action of a request for a quiet
39 zone for railroads, heard a request from a resident on King Road for snow removal services on the
40 new sidewalks, heard a request to place a 10’ snowman in the boulevard in S Tomahawk Ave, and
41 Lead reports were given. ROSENMEIER also stated that MSA was in attendance and reviewed the
42 draft PFAS feasibility study for Wells 4 & 5.
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44 **Health and Safety Committee:** GARSKE reported that the Committee met on September 30, 2025
45 and discussed a potential rat problem around Wisconsin Ave and 6th Street.
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47 **Finance Committee:** Mickey LOKA reported that the Finance Committee has met multiple times to
48 work on the budget.

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2 Park and Recreations Committee: BARTZ reported that the Park and Recreations Committee has
3 not met since the last meeting.

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5 Library Board: O’HARE reported that the Library has implemented a new card system, Pharos, to
6 log into the computers to help make usage safer for juveniles. O’HARE stated that they have
7 installed accessible doors on the bathrooms with funds provided through the ALA grant.

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9 O’HARE stated that October is Suicide Prevention month, they are handing out gun locks and
10 partnering with the Health Department.

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12 Mayor’s Report: Mayor TASKAY gave a brief report. He stated that he attended a meeting with City
13 staff regarding the reconstruction of State Highway 86 (Somo Ave), took numerous calls about rats,
14 started the Thunder Parade, and crowned the Homecoming King and Queen.

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16 Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. (TMS): The Council reviewed the written report by TMS.

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18 **License and Permits**

19 Operator Licenses: GARSKE MOVED to approve the operator licenses and HASKIN seconded. The
20 VOTE was unanimous.

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22 Special Event – Wisconsin Rock Lizards Youth Baseball 9U Tournament – May 1-3, 2026: GARSKE
23 Moved to approve the application and SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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25 **Resolutions**

26 Authorization Resolution to Apply for Wisconsin Development Corporation (WEDC) Community
27 Development Investment (CDI) Grant for the Redevelopment of 202 W Wisconsin Ave (Former Book
28 Store): GARSKE MOVED to adopt the proposed ordinance and Mike LOKA seconded. The VOTE was
29 unanimous.

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31 **Other Business**

32 Developer’s Agreement for Receipt and Disbursement of Community Development Investment
33 (CDI) Grant Funds for 202 W Wisconsin Avenue: GARSKE MOVED to approve the agreement and
34 SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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36 Award Agreement for Contracted Cleaning Services for Tomahawk Senior Center: Mike LOKA
37 MOVED to award the contract to Heavenly Cleaning Service for \$280 per month and HASKIN
38 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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40 **Set Time and Date of Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is
41 scheduled for November 4, 2025, at City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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43 **Adjournment:** GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and Mike LOKA
44 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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49 Steven E. Taskay, Mayor

Amanda L. Bartz, Clerk/Treasurer