

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
4:30PMCity Hall, Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St**AGENDA**

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- A. **Call to Order**
- B. **Roll Call**
- C. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. **Public Comments** (During this item on the agenda the Council listens to oral comments from members of the public on non-agenda items. When speaking please state your name and limit your time to five minutes.)
- E. **Resolutions**
 - 1. A Resolution for Exceeding the State Imposed Levy Limit
- F. **Ordinances**
 - 1. 2026 Salary Ordinance
- G. **Schedule Next Meeting Date and Time**
 - 1. February 3, 2026
- H. **Adjournment**

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TERM EXP. 2026
PRESIDING OFFICER

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Resolution for Exceeding the State Imposed Levy Limit

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies under Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602; and

Whereas, Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602 limits the increase in 2025 to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of last year's actual levy or (b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; which for the City of Tomahawk is 2.079 percent for 2025 payable in 2026; and

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County believes it is in the City's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 2.079 for the purpose of funding day-to-day services (salaries, supplies, utilities, salaries, insurance, etc) to maintain city services and to manage budget shortfalls from inflation; and

Whereas, the City of Tomahawk adjusted levy limit in 2025 (collectable in 2026) is \$1,396,433; and state law would limit the increase to \$29,032 for a total allowable 2025 (collected in 2026) City tax levy of \$1,424,724.

Now, Therefore the Common Council of the City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

The Common Council hereby supports an increase in the City's tax levy for 2026 (to be collected in 2027) to exceed the state levy limit. The Common Council intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2028 as well. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used funding day-to-day services (salaries, supplies, utilities, salaries, insurance, etc) to maintain city services and to manage budget shortfalls from inflation.

The Common Council directs that the question of increasing the city's tax levy for 2026 (to be collected in 2027) by 20 percent, which would increase the City's levy by \$276,760 over the past year's levy, for a City tax levy of \$1,660,563, the increase to be used for funding day-to-day services (salaries, supplies, utilities, salaries, insurance, etc) to maintain city services and to manage budget shortfalls from inflation shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum at Spring Election to be held on April 7, 2026.

ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Moved: _____

Mayor Steven E. Taskay

Seconded: _____

Passed: _____

Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz

2026 SALARY ORDINANCE

Section 1 - An ordinance hereby fixing the annual and hourly salaries of the following employment positions of the City of Tomahawk for the year 2026:

The following employees will receive a 2.00% rate increase from 2025 on January 1st, 2026 and a 3.00% increase on July 1st, 2026:

Clerk's Office/City Hall	01/01/2026	07/01/2026
Clerk-Treasurer	36.60	37.70
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	25.22	25.98
Chief Election Inspectors	11.00	11.00
Election Inspectors	10.00	10.00

Public Works	01/01/2026	07/01/2026
Director of Public Works	35.00	35.00
Crewman III	29.81	30.71
Crewman II	26.98	27.79
Crewman I	24.14	24.88
Limited Term Employee	18.00	18.00
Summer Laborer – Returning	11.00	11.00
Summer Laborer – Starting	10.50	10.50

- * Leadsperson shall receive \$1.00/hour in addition to the employee's normal rate of pay.
- * During the absence of the Director of Public Works, the Street Lead and Park Lead shall make an additional \$2.23/hour.
- * The mechanic shall receive \$0.50/hour in addition to the employee's normal rate of pay.

Sewer & Water Utility	01/01/2026	07/01/2026
Advanced Operator	31.24	32.18
Wastewater Basic	30.54	31.45
Water Certified	29.16	30.04
Operator in Training	27.48	28.30

- * Head Operator shall receive \$1.00/hour in addition to the employee's normal rate of pay.
- * During the absence of the Director of Public Works, the Water Lead and Sewer Lead shall make an additional \$2.23/hour.

Senior Center	01/01/2026	07/01/2026
Senior Center Staff	15.76	16.23

Multi-Department Employees	01/01/2026	07/01/2026
Janitorial Staff	11.38	11.69

**CITY OF TOMAHAWK
ORDINANCE 2026-XX**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Police Department	01/01/2026	07/01/2026
Chief of Police	47.58	49.01
Sergeant	38.70	39.86
Dispatcher 1 (after 500 hrs.)	16.04	16.53
Dispatcher 2 (after 5 yrs.)	19.67	20.26
Police Clerk	30.03	30.93
Part-Time Drug Enf. Officer	27.17	27.99

Section 2 – Each of the above hourly pay rates shall be paid in bi-weekly installments.

Section 3 – Each of the above salaries shall be in addition to other benefits detailed in the City of Tomahawk Employee Handbook.

Section 4 – In 2026 the above eligible employees shall contribute 10% of the health insurance premium.

Section 5 – The above salaries shall be inserted into Appendix A in the City of Tomahawk Employee Handbook.

Section 6 – All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7 – Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2026.

PASSED and APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Moved: _____

Mayor Steven E. Taskay

Second: _____

Passed: _____

Clerk-Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz