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Common Council
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
March 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Steve Taskay called the Common Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Council members present were Mickey Loka, Patricia Haskin, Rober Soward, Jeff Kahle, Mike Loka, and Steve “Ding” Bartz. Absent were Dale Ernst and Will Garske.

Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Police Chief Al Elvins, Water, Library Director Heidi O’Hare (arrived at 5:22 p.m.), Zach Garnder with WJJQ Radio, Don Nelson, and Douglas Horner. In attendance virtually was Sara Guild from Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation, and Kevin Wagner with Ruekert & Mielke.

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Public Hearing: Proposed Community Development Block Grant Application

Mickey LOKA MOVED to enter into the Public Hearing and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The public hearing was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Kevin Wagner explained that CDBG Funds are used to promote affordable housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities for persons with low to moderate income. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides federal funding to States through the Community Development Block Grant program, and the state provides these funds to local governments to support their housing, community and economic development activities. The DOA administers the program in Wisconsin, and handles all CDBG application and contract management activities, including the disbursement of grant funds.

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 publics 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 if there is enough suitable housing to rent in the

1 Tomahawk area, 7% of respondents agreed, 79% of respondents disagreed. He furthered
2 explained when asked if there was enough housing sufficient for people over 65, 15% agreed while
3 15% disagreed, when asked if the availability of public housing is adequate, 18% of respondents
4 agreed, while 54% of respondents disagreed, and when asked if the availability of moderately
5 priced housing is adequate (based on moderate annual income of approximately \$45,000), 20% of
6 respondents agreed while 58% of respondents disagreed.

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

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

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24 There were no public comments or questions.

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

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34 There were no public comments or questions.

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

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39 There were no public comments or questions.

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

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44 KAHLE MOVED to close the public hearing and Mike LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
45 The public hearing was closed at 5:11 p.m.

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47 Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Mickey LOKA MOVED to approve the minutes from the February
48 3, 2026 meeting and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

1 Approval of Checks and Vouchers: Mike LOKA MOVED to approve General Fund account checks
2 118758 to 118847 and 20 electronic payments in the amount of \$1,101,705.76 and payroll checks
3 53553 – 53565 and direct deposit checks V15525 – V15524 in the amount of \$163,579.09.
4 SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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6 Reports:

7 Planning and Zoning Commission: Planning and Zoning Commission has not met since the last
8 Council meeting.
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10 Board of Public Works: ROSENMEIER gave a brief report. He stated that they were presented with
11 the proposed 2026 street projects including Somo Ave repairs and the 4th Street Bridge bladder. He
12 stated that Board approves a request from Rich Thiemer to replace the grit isolation valve for
13 \$13,000. He also stated that Leadsperson reports were given and MSA gave a report on the PFAS
14 Project.
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16 Health and Safety Committee: GARSKE reported that the Committee met February 26, 2026 and all
17 the items discussed are on the agenda for review.
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19 Finance Committee: Mickey LOKA reported that the Finance Committee met February 26, 2026 and
20 all items are on the agenda.
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22 Park and Recreations Committee: KAHLE reported that the Park and Recreations Committee has
23 met since the last meeting but will be meeting the follow Tuesday to review the proposed wake
24 ordinance.
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26 Library Board: This report was given at the end of the meeting.
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28 Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. (TMS): The Council reviewed the written report from Main Street, Inc.
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30 License and Permits:

31 Operator Licenses: HASKIN MOVED to approve the operator licenses and BARTZ seconded. The
32 VOTE was unanimous.
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34 Ordinance(s):

35 An ordinance of the City of Tomahawk to repeal and replace Chapter 45 Human Relations, Article
36 II. Fair and Open Housing of the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code

37 Mickey LOKA MOVED to adopt the proposed ordinance and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was
38 unanimous.
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40 An ordinance of the City of Tomahawk Creating Chapter 31 Fees, Rates, and Deposits Customarily
41 Used of the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code

42 Mike LOKA MOVED to adopt the proposed fee ordinance and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was
43 unanimous.
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45 An ordinance of the City of Tomahawk to amend Chapter 22 Business, Article III. Outdoor Food
46 Stands and Mobile Food Units of the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code

47 Mickey LOKA MOVED to introduce the proposed ordinance and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was
48 unanimous. A public hearing on the proposed ordinance was scheduled for April 21, 2026.
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1 Resolution(s):
2 Authorizing Resolution to Submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application
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4 HASKIN MOVED to adopt the resolution to submit a CDBG application and Mickey LOKA seconded.
5 The VOTE was unanimous.

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7 A borrowing resolution in accordance with provision of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes
8 approving borrowing from the State Trust Fund for the State of Wisconsin in the sum of Four
9 Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (436,500.00) for the purpose of
10 financing the 2025 Road Paving Project.

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12 HASKIN MOVED to adopt the borrowing resolution as presented and BARTZ seconded. The roll call
13 VOTE was unanimous.

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15 A borrowing resolution in accordance with provision of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes
16 approving borrowing from the State Trust Fund for the State of Wisconsin in the sum of Three
17 Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (365,000.00) for the purpose of financing the
18 Purchase of Public Works Equipment including a Chipper Truck, Loader, and Pick-up.

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20 Mickey LOKA MOVED to adopt the borrowing resolution as presented and BARTZ seconded. The
21 roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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23 A borrowing resolution in accordance with provision of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes
24 approving borrowing from the State Trust Fund for the State of Wisconsin in the sum of Five
25 Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (500,000.00) for the purpose of financing the PFAS
26 Treatment Facility Design and Testing.

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28 BARTZ MOVED to adopt the borrowing resolution as presented and KAHLE seconded. The roll call
29 VOTE was unanimous.

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31 A borrowing resolution in accordance with provision of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes
32 approving borrowing from the State Trust Fund for the State of Wisconsin in the sum of One Million,
33 Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand and 00/100 (1,218,000.00) for the purpose of financing the
34 Purchase of a Fire Truck

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36 BARTZ MOVED to adopt the borrowing resolution as presented and HASKIN seconded. The roll call
37 VOTE was unanimous.

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39 Reports:

40 Library Board: O'HARE reported that they received two travel grants. She stated that they are very
41 busy on Saturdays with close to 50 patrons and the teen program is seeing over 12 patrons.

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43 Set Time and Date of Next meeting:

44 The next regular meeting of the Common Council is scheduled for April 21, 2026, at City Hall,
45 Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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47 Levy Referendum Public Information Meetings: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., Saturday,
48 March 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at SARA Park.

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2 Adjournment: BARTZ MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and Mike LOKA
3 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.
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8 Steven E. Taskay, Mayor

Amanda L. Bartz, Clerk/Treasurer

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