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Common Council
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
April 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Steve Taskay called the Common Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present was Mayor Steven Taskay and Council members Mickey Loka, Patricia Haskin, Robert Soward, Jeff Kahle, Will Garske, Mike Loka, and Steve “Ding” Bartz. Absent were Dale Ernst. Also present was Mayor election Michael “Hob” Habeck and Council Members Elect Donald Nelson and Tadd Wegener.

Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Police Chief Al Elvins, Water Leadsperson Glenn Hanna, Library Director Heidi O’Hare, Police Sargent Matt Gorrell, Zach Garnder with WJJQ Radio, Samantha Colburn, Robert Augustine, Jennifer Turkiewicz with Tomahawk Main Street, Inc., Dawn Taskay, Randal Anderson Sr, Stacy Koch, Keidi Walsh, and David Walsh.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Taskay led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office: Clerk BARTZ administer the oath of office to Michael “Hob” Habeck, Patricia Haskin, Robert Soward, Donald Nelson, Tadd Wegener, and Steve “Ding” Bartz.

Selection of Council President: NELSON nominated Jeff Kahle for Council President and Mike LOKA seconded.

Mayor HABECK asked for additional nominations two more times, hearing none, nominations were closed.

The VOTE to election Jeff Kahle Council President was unanimous.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Mike LOKA MOVED to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2026 meeting and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Approval of Checks and Vouchers: GARSKE MOVED to approve General Fund account checks 118848 to 118970 and 26 electronic payments in the amount of \$361,563.65 and payroll checks 53566 – 53579 and direct deposit checks V15644 – V15524 in the amount of \$116,031.30. NELSON seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Reports:

Planning and Zoning Commission: Planning and Zoning Commission has not met since the last Council meeting.

Board of Public Works: ROSENMEIER gave a brief report. He Stated that the Board approved the State Municipal Financial Agreement for State Highway 86 Reconstruction (Tomahawk Ave), talked about the personnel structure of the utilities, heard Department Lead reports and report from MSA Professional Services.

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2 Health and Safety Committee: GARSKE reported that the Committee met March 31, 2026 and all
3 the items discussed are on the agenda for review.
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5 Finance Committee: Mickey LOKA reported that the Finance Committee met March 31, 2026 and
6 all items are on the agenda.
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8 Park and Recreations Committee: KAHLE reported that the Park and Recreations Committee will
9 be meeting on May 12, 2026.
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11 Library Board: O'HARE stated that the Library Board met the previous evening and approved the
12 2027 Library Budget. A "Snow Day" has been rescheduled with Bluey and Bingo for May 2, 2026,
13 Bird Bingo Challenge and a Bird-A-Thon bird watching walk is planned. O'HARE also reported that
14 she attended the Public Library Association Conference with a travel grant that they had received.
15 O'HARE noted that this week is National Library Week.
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17 Mayor's Report: Mayor HABECK reported that he attended a meeting with City Staff and Cedar Corp
18 to learn about the status of the sewer spill from last August and another meeting with Department
19 of Transportation on the reconstruction of State Hwy 86 (Somo Ave) in 2030. He noted that he will
20 be attending the Lincoln County Economic Development Summit on April 28th and that he will be
21 doing the Board of Review Training in preparation for the upcoming Board of Review on May 7, 2026.
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23 Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. (TMS): The Council reviewed the written report from Main Street, Inc.
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25 **License and Permits:**

26 Operator Licenses: Mickey LOKA MOVED to approve the operator licenses with the exception of the
27 license missing the completed background check and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was
28 unanimous.
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30 Original Alcohol Beverage License: GARSKE MOVED to approve the Original Alcohol License for
31 K.D. Shorthorns Bar & Grill, 127 W Wisconsin Ave and The Lyric Amusement Company, LLC, 17 W
32 Wisconsin Ave. Mike LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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34 National Night Out, August 4, 2026: GARSKE MOVED to approve the permit for National Night Out and
35 Mike LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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37 Bon Fire & Brat Fry, September 17, 2026: GARSKE MOVED to approve the permit for the Bon Fire and
38 Brat Fry and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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40 Thunder Parade, September 18, 2026: GARSKE MOVED to approve the permit for the Thunder Parade
41 and SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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43 Tomahawk Main Street Fall Ride, September 16-20, 2026: Mike LOKA MOVED to approve the application
44 for Tomahawk Main Street Fall Ride and to waive open intoxicants from 1:00 p.m. to Midnight on
45 September 18, 2026 and from Noon to Midnight on September 19, 2026 in the event area only. GARSKE
46 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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48 Fall Ride at SARA Park, September 16-20, 2026: GARSKE MOVED to approve the permit for Fall Ride at
49 SARA Park and SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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2 2026 Annual Venison Feed, November 20, 2026: HASKIN MOVED to approve the permit for the Annual
3 Venison Feed and waive open intoxicants in the event area only from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and
4 NELSON seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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6 **Resolution(s):**
7 A resolution Appointing Signatories for all City of Tomahawk Accounts
8 Mickey LOKA MOVED to adopt the resolution and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. This will
9 be resolution 2026-07.

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11 A resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures – PFAS Treatment Facility Project
12 HASKIN MOVED to adopt the resolution and Mike LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. This will
13 be resolution 2026-08.

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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 One
17 Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$120,000.00) for the purpose of financing the
18 purchase of two police squads
19 HASKIN MOVED to adopt the borrowing resolution as read and WEGENER seconded.

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21 BARTZ stated that he wanted to speak on what he is being asked or questioned on by people in his
22 district. He stated that they are concerned that we are asking to borrow to purchase squad cars
23 and a fire truck, yet we are asking to raise the levy limit. He just wants to note how it looks in the
24 court of public opinion.

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26 The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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28 A borrowing resolution in accordance with provision of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes
29 approving borrowing from the State Trust Fund for the State of Wisconsin in the sum of Three
30 Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$350,000.00) for the purpose of financing the Nelson
31 Lane Utility Project
32 Mike LOKA MOVED to adopt the borrowing resolution as read and Mickey LOKA seconded. The roll
33 call VOTE was unanimous.

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35 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tomahawk, Providing a Guarantee of Match Funds of the
36 2026 Community Block Grant Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) Application Related to Tomahawk's
37 Participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
38 Mickey LOKA MOVED to adopt the resolution and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. This will
39 be resolution 2026-09.

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41 A Resolution of Intention to Join the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Communications System and
42 Commit Local Match for the FY 2026 Interoperable Radio Grant Program
43 Mike LOKA MOVED to adopt the resolution and Mickey LOKA seconded.

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45 Mike LOKA stated that this is an 80/20 matching grant for new mobile and portable radios. He stated
46 that they have the funds in their equipment account to cover 20%. He explained that by joining
47 Interoperable Communication, the State will maintain the towers and the repeaters.

1 The VOTE was unanimous. This will be resolution 2026-10.

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3 **Other Business:**

4 2026-20278 Boards, Committees, and Commission Seat Appointments

5 HASKIN MOVED to confirm Mayor Habeck’s recommendations and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE
6 was unanimous.

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8 Official Depositories of the City of Tomahawk

9 Mickey LOKA moved to approve Crossbridge Community Bank, Park City Credit Union, Incredible
10 Bank, Associated Bank, and the State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool as the
11 official depositories of the City of Tomahawk. GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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13 Official Newspaper of the City of Tomahawk

14 GARSKE MOVED to make the Tomahawk Leader the official newspaper of the City of Tomahawk
15 and WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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17 **Set Time and Date of Next meeting:**

18 The next regular meeting of the Common Council is scheduled for May 5, 2026, at City Hall, Council
19 Chambers, at 5:30 p.m.

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21 **Adjournment:** GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and Mickey LOKA
22 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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24 Approved: _____

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27 Michael Habeck, Mayor

Amanda L. Bartz, Clerk/Treasurer