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Common Council
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
January 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Council members present were Mickey Loka, Patricia Haskin, Ed Nystrom, Jeff Kahle, Mike Loka, Tadd Wegener, Will Garske and Dale Ernst. Absent was Steve “Ding” Bartz.

Staff members present were Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Library Director Heidi O’Hare, and Police Sergeant Steve Buckwalter.

Public in attendance was Zach Garner, Roxanne Consolver, Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. Director Jennifer Turkiewicz and Jalen Maki.

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

Public comments: Jennifer Turkiewicz stated that they are looking at putting up a permanent monument by the tree at the end of Main Street for Hometown Christmas, she asked how she should proceed with approval for the monument. Clerk BARTZ stated that the proposal should be provided, she would place it on the Board of Public Works agenda for review.

Minutes: GARSKE MOVED to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Approval of Checks: General Fund checks 113411 to 113559, 14 automatic withdrawal payments in the amount of \$1,014,457.49, payroll check 52731 to 52731 and direct deposit checks V11812 to V11936 in the amount \$170,867.44 and solid waste checks 1884 to 1889 in the amount of \$17,711.82. MICKEY LOKA MOVED and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Reports

1. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Planning and Zoning Commission** – There was not Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
- b. **Board of Public Works** – ROSENMEIER stated that the Board met on December 27th, 2022 and reviewed water and sewer checks, minutes, financial report and continued to look at the truck routes. He stated that HANNA presented damages to the roof at the water department office, approve the 2023 utility budgets and heard department lead reports.
- c. **Health and Safety Committee** – There were no additional items from the Health and Safety Committee to report on.
- d. **Finance Committee** – MICKEY LOKA stated that the Finance Committee held a very short meeting and continues to discuss the property at 404 S Tomahawk Av as they are waiting to see what the 5 Bugles report says.

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2 e. Park and Recreation Committee – KAHLE held a work session with the Park and Recs Committee,
3 Tomahawk Together, and MSA Professional Services on planning for Washington Square Park
4 Improvements.
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6 f. Commission on Aging – MIKE LOKA stated the Senior Center is getting a public computer and
7 they discussed the puzzle storage. He also reported that they are looking for a shelter to park
8 the TAIV vans under.
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10 g. Ad Hoc Committee – HASKIN stated there is nothing new meeting will be scheduled in January.
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12 h. Library Board – O’HARE reported that they are working on a Create grant and will be visiting the
13 facility in Stevens Point. She stated that the Board is working on the Patron Handbook.
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15 O’HARE stated that the Children’s program in December was Gingerbread Bingo along with
16 reading challenges. She stated that the Library numbers came in and there were 7,000 more
17 check outs in 2022 then there were in the year prior. She stated that not all libraries have
18 recovered since Covid but we the Tomahawk Library has.
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- 20 2. Mayor’s Report – The Mayor gave a brief report.
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22 3. Written Report from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. – Turkiewicz reported that they are having a Chili
23 Fall Ride fund raiser, there will six different chilis with music with Mike Mac. She stated that 50% of
24 the proceeds will go to Fall Ride and 50% to the Dream Park.
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26 Turkiewicz stated that the Annual Meeting is February 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the Pine Tree. There will
27 be a representative with Small Business Development Corporation. She stated that other
28 promotions that they are planning are a Valentine’s Day Fundraiser and an adult prom.
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30 Licenses

- 31 1. Operator Licenses: ERNST MOVED to approve the operators’ licenses pending a clear background
32 check and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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34 2. Class “A” Combination – Viegut’s Do it Best Express, 981 N 4th St: GARSKE MOVED to approve the
35 Class “A” Combination license and MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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37 3. Class “B” Combination – DNA Bar & Restaurant LLC, 433 S Tomahawk Av: GARSKE MOVED to
38 approve the Class “B” Combination license and MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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40 Ordinances:

- 41 1. 2023 Salary Ordinance
42 HASKIN MOVED to approval the 2023 Salary Ordinance and ERNST seconded.
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44 ERNST stated that he would hope we can look at this closer along with longevity pay. He stated that
45 we need to look at the health care after the 7% increase.
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1 HASKIN stated that it is unfortunate that the Library Board wages are not reflected in the ordinance,
2 Clerk BARTZ stated that the Library Board controls those wages and if they were included in in this
3 ordinance, the Council would be assuming those responsibilities.
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5 The VOTE was unanimous.
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7 **Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at
8 City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.
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10 **Adjourn:** GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and MIKE LOKA seconded. The
11 VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.
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13 Approved: February 7, 2023

Signature on File

14 Steven E. Taskay, Mayor
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16 Attest: Signature on File

17 Amanda L. Bartz, CMC, Clerk/Treasurer
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