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Common Council
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
July 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Staff members present were Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadperson Nick Rosenmeier, Library Director Heidi O’Hare, and Police Officer Michael Krich.

Public in attendance was Lucas Geiger of MSA Professional Services, Chamber Director Sherry Hulett, Main Street Director Jennifer Turkowicz, Roxanne Consolver, and Zach Garner.

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Minutes: MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes and ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Approval of Checks: HASKIN MOVED to approve General Fund checks 114208 – 114311 and 11 electronic payments in the amount of \$223,508.04, payroll check 52871 – 52884 and direct deposit checks V12406 – V12492 in the amount of \$106,282.25 and Solid Waste Fund checks 1914 – 1915 in the amount of \$225.31. NYSTROM seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Reports

1. **Committee Reports**

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

Board of Public Works – ROSENMEIER reported that the Board met on June 27th, 2023 and heard a public comment regarding the boulevard on S Tomahawk Av and since they no longer have irrigations the grass has burned out and suggested Astro turf. ROSENMEIER also reported that the Board reviewed or approved the following business: 8-10 boulders at the Tomahawk Community Thrift Shop, discussed Highway CC no longer being part of the truck route, the catch basin at Conservation and Somo Av, no parking zones on Railway St, and the sale of gravel and fill to contractors.

Health and Safety Committee – stated that the Health and Safety Committee met on June 27th, 2023, all the items discussed are on the Council’s agenda.

Finance Committee –stated that the Finance Committee met on June 27th, 2023 and the items discussed are on the Council’s agenda.

1 Park and Recreation Committee – KAHLE stated that the Park and Recreation Committee discussed
2 reservation system for the parks and camping and discussed the right-of-way off of Oakland Av.

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4 Commission on Aging – Clerk BARTZ stated that the Commission on Aging met at the end of June and
5 discussed fund raisers, purchasing a new grill and ongoing needed improvements at the Center.

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7 Library Board – O’HARE stated that the Library is looking at hiring two limited term employees through
8 the grant from Create have people to work the lab space for the 3-D printer and podcast kit. She stated
9 that they are still looking at a few more purchases through the grant.

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11 O’HARE stated that they will be working on a planned reading challenges and programing to go out at
12 the beginning of the school year. She stated that with the gifts that have been received, they are
13 shifting and weeding the library collections.

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15 O’HARE stated that the first 30 minutes the Library was open they have 40 patrons. She stated that that
16 has been 60-70 patrons for story time and that last Thursday there were 181 people on the lawn for the
17 programing.

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19 HASKIN stated that Mark Gass gave an intro on WJJQ on the history of the Library.

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21 2. Mayor’s Report – Mayor TASKAY stated continuing to get phone calls, was involved in the
22 Chamber Arts and Craft Fair, and fielded concerns from citizens on the dock at SARA Park and the
23 rescheduling of the fireworks.

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25 3. Written Report from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. – Council reviewed the written report form
26 Tomahawk Main Street Director, Jennifer Turkowitz. Turkowitz stated that they are wrapping up *North*
27 *for the 4th* t-shirt sales, the 4-way intersection landscaping had been completed and the restoration of
28 the William H. Bradley mural on Standard Mercantile has been started.

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30 **Licenses**

31 1. Operator Licenses: MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve the operators and MIKE LOKE seconded.
32 The VOTE was unanimous.

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34 2. Request for Premise Revision – Floyd’s Timer Tavern’s 1st Annual Grilling Competition – July 15th,
35 2023: MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve the request and BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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37 3. Tomahawk Lions Club Thrilla on the Grilla – August 5, 2023: MIKE LOKA MOVED to approve
38 permit and to waive open intoxicant from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the event area and BARTZ
39 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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41 4. Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce Member Mini-Golf Tournament – August 9, 2023:
42 HASKIN MOVED to approve the permit and waive open intoxicants from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. within
43 the event area and BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

1 **Resolutions**

2 1. A resolution Approving a State Trust Fund Loan in the Amount of \$2,100,000, interest rate of
3 5.25%, for at term of 20 years for the purpose of Financing the 2023 Capital Projects

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5 HASKIN MOVED to adopt the resolution presented, ERNST seconded. The VOTE was 7-0. The resolution
6 was adopted.

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8 **Other Business**

9 1. 2024 Proposed Library Budget: ERNST MOVED to approve the proposed 2024 Library Budget
10 and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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12 2. Agreement Between the City of Tomahawk and MSA Professional Service - Washington Square
13 Park Design – Amendment No 1.

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15 MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve the amendment to the agreement and BARTZ seconded.

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17 NYSTROM asked about “services include but can be negotiated, asked how you negotiate public
18 engagement”. Lucas Geiger stated that we are already in the construction phase and are out of the
19 schematic and design phase. He stated that we are waiting for awards of funding and are getting into
20 the construction document phase.

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22 The VOTE was unanimous.

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24 **Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is scheduled for August 1, 2023 at City
25 Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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27 **Adjourn:** NYSTROM MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and ERNST seconded. The
28 VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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30 Approved: August 1, 2023 _____ Signature on File _____
31 Steven E. Taskay, Mayor

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33 Attest: Signature on File _____
34 Amanda L. Bartz, CMC, Clerk/Treasurer