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Finance Committee
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
July 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Jeff Kahle called the Finance Committee to order at 4:32 p.m.

Members Present: Members present were Pat Haskin, Dale Ernst, Steve “Ding” Bartz, Mickey Loka (arrived at 4:35 p.m.), and Jeff Kahle.

Staff members present were Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, and Attorney James Kalny.

Public in attendance was Council member William Garske, Jalen Make (virtual), and Zach Garner.

Public comments: Clerk BARTZ read a public comment from Roxanne Consolver: “While I feel that within the City of Tomahawk, we need upgraded cell service, I do not like the idea of this cell tower going so close to our city proper. If this were to be a simple cell tower such as we see along the highways this would be different, (and I get that the tower building/leasing company sells or rents to individual cell companies) but given the “small footprint” of the anticipated tower, I feel this would only hold 5G equipment. 5G is known to be detrimental to people’s health and being in such close proximity, I feel would cause more problems to permanent residents than the actual benefit. This is NOT a good idea and I believe that much more research should be done before allowing this tower into the middle of downtown. A “normal” tower would be of greater value and less hazard, out closer to the highway or perhaps near the industrial park on County S by the water treatment plant. The sales pitch for a “small footprint” is not necessarily a good thing. Please consider this while deliberating about the location of this “small” tower.”

Closed Session: The Finance Committee may convene into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive bargaining reasoning require closed session: Cell Tower Negotiation

BARTZ MOVED to enter into closed session as stated above, allowed to stay in closed session is Attorney James Kalny, Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, and council member William Garske, ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. Closed session was convened at 4:34 p.m.

HASKIN MOVED to enter back into open session and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. Open session was convened at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: BARTZ MOVED to approve June 27, 2023 minutes and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Approval of Checks: HASKIN MOVED to approve General Fund account checks 114313 – 114402, 11 electronic payments in the amount of \$547,253.09, payroll checks 52885 – 52902 and direct deposit

1 checks V12493– V12593 in the amount of \$125,286.81 and Solid Waste Fund check 1916 – 1917 in the
2 amount of \$15,339.43. ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

3 **Reports:**

4 1. General Fund Financial Report: The Committee reviewed the report. BARTZ MOVED to approve the
5 report and ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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7 2. Board of Public Works Financial Report (Water and Sewer): The Committee reviewed the report
8 from the Board of Public Works. Clerk BARTZ explained that notices for disconnection of past due
9 accounts were sent out to approximately 250 customers and today only about a dozen of them were
10 turned off due to nonpayment or failure to set up a payment plan.

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12 **Other Business:**

13 1. Updates on Transportation/Infrastructure Funding – Wisconsin Act 12 Information: Clerk
14 reviewed the information sheet provided from the Department of Revenue. She stated that she will
15 continue to keep up to date on any new information that the State provides.

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17 2. Lincoln County Properties for Sale – August 2023: Clerk BARTZ stated that she wanted to keep
18 the Finance Committee up to speed on tax deed properties that the County has put up for sale within
19 the City of Tomahawk.

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21 3. Transportation Alternative Program – Tomahawk Sidewalks to Schools (King Road) – Federal
22 Grant Award: Clerk BARTZ explained the City was notified of the TAP grant award in the amount of
23 \$185,440 for the Tomahawk Sidewalks to Schools project. She stated that the grant amount is for 80%
24 of the project cost. City’s portion is \$46,360 plus \$15,000 “State Design Review”.

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26 KAHLE MOVED to accept the award and recommend approval by the Council and ERNST seconded. The
27 VOTE was unanimous.

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29 4. Election Equipment Order – Express Vote: Clerk explained that the County wide election
30 equipment is obsolete, and the County Clerk’s Office had a review and selection committee to review
31 available equipment and decide on the replacement equipment County wide. Clerk BARTZ stated that
32 this would be a 2024 purchase but that they need the City to commit to the purchase of the equipment
33 so that they can get the machines ordered. Clerk BARTZ stated that the Committee has decided to go
34 with Express Vote and that it is the next generation of the equipment we currently use.

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36 HASKIN MOVED to approve the purchase of the machine and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was
37 unanimous.

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39 **Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for August 29, 2023 at
40 City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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42 **Adjourn:** ERNST MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee and BARTZ seconded. The
43 VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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46 Approved: August 29, 2023

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Amanda L. Bartz, CMC, WCMC