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Common Council
City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers
23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487
August 1, 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 William Garske, Tadd Wegener, Ed Nystrom, Mike Loka, Patricia Haskin, Dale Ernst, and Mickey Loka. Absent was Steve “Ding” Bartz and Jeff Kahle.

Staff members present were Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Library Director Heidi O’Hare, and Police Chief Al Elvins.

Public in attendance was 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: MIKE LOKA MOVED to approve the July 11, 2023 minutes and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Approval of Checks: GARSKE MOVED to approve General Fund checks 114313 – 114402 and 11 electronic payments in the amount of \$547,253.09, payroll check 52885 – 52902 and direct deposit checks V12493 – V12593 in the amount of \$125,286.81 and Solid Waste Fund checks 1916 – 1917 in the amount of \$15,339.43. WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

1. Reports - 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 of Public Works met on July 25th, 2023. The Board heard from Kathy Skarr on Birch Av on a request to not use her property to turn around the snowplows in the winter. She requested her property be restored from the damages from the snow plow. ROSENMEIER add that the right-of-way on Birch Av is 50’ wide rather than the normal 66’ and backing out of the 300’ plus road is not an option with the snowplow. He stated that he will be looking for alternate solutions.

ROSENMEIER stated that the Board also reviewed the new well site and clarified that the adjacent property can farm hay off of the land, but no fertilizer is to be used, reviewed the ATV Route and a request from the Harrison Hills ATV Club to start the process to open the STH 86 Bridge over USH 51, and looked at options to solve the low water pressure problem on Putnam St and McKinley St.

Health and Safety Committee – HASKIN stated that the Health and Safety Committee met on July 25th, 2023, all the items discussed are on the Council’s agenda.

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2 Finance Committee –MICKEY LOKA stated that the Finance Committee met on July 25th, 2023 and the
3 items discuss included funding of infrastructure, reviewed property for sale by Lincoln County within the
4 City of Tomahawk and other items on the agenda for Council approval.

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6 Park and Recreation Committee – Clerk BARTZ stated that the Park and Recreations Committee is
7 scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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9 Commission on Aging – MIKE LOKA stated that the Commission on Aging will meet at the end of
10 September.

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12 Library Board – O’HARE showed the Council The Toniebox for children to use a t the Library. She
13 demonstrated how they place the Tonie (a figurine) on the Toniebox and it tells them a story. She
14 stated that they were purchased through donations and memorials at a cost of approximately \$10.00
15 each.

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17 She stated that in August they will be changing over programing to Stories by the River. She reported
18 that they have hired and started training the lab tech employees that are funded through the Create
19 Grant. She stated that they will be operating the 3D printer. O’HARE stated that they have completed a
20 new teacher brochure and a student brochure that will be distributed to the schools soon.

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22 **2.) Reports – Mayor’s Report:** Mayor TASKAY stated he continues to get phone calls regarding
23 concerns specifically the proposed building Cassion (miscommunication in the media). He stated this
24 coming weekend the Police Chief, Fire Chief and himself will be judging the Tomahawk Lions Club Thrilla
25 on the Grilla.

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27 **3.) Reports – Written Report from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc.** – Council reviewed the written
28 report form Tomahawk Main Street Director, Jennifer Turkiewicz.

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30 **Licenses**

31 1. Operator Licenses: GARSKE MOVED to approve the operators and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE
32 was unanimous.

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34 2. Class A Combination – Chase’s C Store, LLC/Tomahawk BP, 1329 N 4th St: MICKEY LOKA MOVED
35 to approve the request and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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37 **Ordinances**

38 1. An ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 94 Traffic
39 and Vehicles, Article III. Operation of Vehicles Generally, Section 94-115 No Parking Zones, Bus Stops,
40 and Taxi Stops

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42 MIKE LOKA MOVED to introduce the proposed ordinance; ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

