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**Common Council**  
**City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**  
**23 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 Mike Loka, Pat Haskin, Ed Nystrom, Tadd Wegener, Mickey Loka, Jeff Kahle, Dale Ernst, Steve “Ding” Bartz and Will Garske.

Also in attendance was Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Police Chief Al Elvins, Library Director Heidi O’Hare, and Police Officer Ryan Picl, Roxanne Consolver, Tina DuPlayee, Kieth Troutman, Kay Kissinger-Wolf, Zach Garner, and Maggie Cronin from Congressman Tom Tiffany Office.

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

**Public comments:** Roxanne Consolver asked if the multi-family apartment building was still going to be constructed. Clerk BARTZ stated that project is still planning to move forward but has been delayed due to rising interest costs.

Kay Kissinger-Wolf, Tomahawk Together, stated that the progress of the park is coming along wonderfully. She stated that Tomahawk Together would like to see some rules in place and a sign listing those rules. She stated that they had hoped to have a rule in place prior to the park opening and that this has been discussed since January.

Maggie Cronin announced that Congressman Tiffany has put a bill forward to make the Apostle Islands the first National Park in Wisconsin. She also stated that there is a “Tele Town Hall Meeting” with Congressman Tiffany scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** GARSKE MOVED to approve the July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 minutes and MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

**Approval of Checks:** MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve to approve General Fund account checks 115749 – 115847 and 15 electronic payments in the amount of \$477,080.11, payroll checks 53133 – 53151 and direct deposit checks V13658 – V13761 in the amount of \$135,076.93 and Solid Waste Fund checks 1949 – 1951 in the amount of \$31,794.88. GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning and Zoning Commission** – The Planning and Zoning Commission has not met.

**Board of Public Works** – ROSENMEIER reported that the Board of Public Works met on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and approved a request to paint a portion of the curb on King Road in front of mailboxes and heard department lead reports.

**Health and Safety Committee** – GARSKE reported that the Health and Safety Committee met on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and heard a public comment regarding rules at the new playground. He stated that all items taken up by the Committee are before the Council tonight.

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2 Finance Committee – MICKEY LOKA stated the Finance Committee approved a request to  
3 purchase service doors for the Fire Department out of their reserve accounts. He stated that they  
4 heard a request from a property owner on Pine Avenue regarding the lands located at the end of  
5 Pine Avenue listed in Lincoln County Land Records as “unknown ownership”. He stated that the  
6 Finance Committee will be meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> to continue their review of city owned property.  
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8 Park and Recreation Committee – The Park and Recreation Committee will not be meeting on  
9 August 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Primary Election.  
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11 Commission on Aging – The Commission on Aging Commission has not met.  
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13 Library Board – O’HARE handed out grant information and made the Council aware that they were  
14 awarded funding from the Wisconsin Arts Board to provide free art classes at the Library. She  
15 stated that they are gathering feedback on the accessibility of the Library as part of the ALA Grant.  
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17 Mayor’s Report: Mayor TASKAY reported he continues to take calls from citizens.  
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19 Written Report from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc.: The Council reviewed the written report from  
20 Tomahawk Main Street, Inc.  
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22 **Licenses, Permits, and Events**

23 Operator Licenses: MIKE LOKA MOVED to approve the operator licenses and GARSKE  
24 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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26 Wanderin’ Fall Ride – October 18, 2024

27 GARSKE MOVED to approve the Wanderin’ Fall Ride UTV/ATV Parade with the updated route,  
28 NYSTROM Seconded.  
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30 Chief ELVINS noted that there are 2-3 intersections that will need officers with the route. He stated  
31 that would increase the cost of the event for the Police Department.  
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33 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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35 Oktoberfest – October 12, 2024

36 GARSKE MOVED to approve the Oktoberfest application and to waive open intoxicants in the event  
37 area from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and NYSTROM seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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39 **Other Business:**

40 2025 Proposed Library Budget

41 HASKIN MOVED to approve the proposed budget and MIKE LOKA seconded.  
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43 Chief ELVINS stated that during the Personnel Committee meetings the big word was “equality”.  
44 He explained that the part-time staff at the Library receive vacation pay and the part-time staff at  
45 the Police Department do not receive those benefits.  
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47 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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- 1 **Set Time and Date of Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is
- 2 scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.
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- 4 **Adjournment:** HASKIN MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and GARSKE
- 5 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.