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

Call to Order: Mayor Taskay called the Common Council to order at 5:31 p.m.

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

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

Also in attendance was Tom Garrigan Commander of the American Legion Post 93, Diane Leverance, Michael Mackin, Vice-Commander American Legion Post 93 and Zach Garner.

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

Public Hearing: GARSKE MOVED to enter into the public hearing and WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The public hearing was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. 2023-05, an ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 94 Traffic and vehicles, Article III. Operation of Vehicles Generally, Section 94-115 No Parking Zones, Bus Stops, and Taxi Stops

Michael Mackin, American Legion Post 93, stated that this ordinance would have the greatest effect on senior citizens and those going to the American Legion. Mackin questioned if the street width was measured. ROSENMEIER stated that the truck traffic is struggling to get through on Railway. ROSENMEIER does not think, with vehicles on each side of the street, vehicles can pass.

Mackin stated that the street should have 9' per travel lane. He asked if a survey of traffic, workers, or delivery trucks was completed. He stated that he spoke to the postmaster and they have not had any issues delivering mail. He stated that deliveries are rare on that street. Mackin stated that this proposed ordinance is a hinderance to their customers. GARSKE asked if parking during certain hours be appropriate.

Tom Garrigan, American Legion Post 93, stated that there is more business down at that end of the street and you are proposing to take parking spaces away. He stated that we want to be able to work in harmony with the City and is asking for reconsideration of the proposed ordinance.

NYSTROM stated that the curb and gutter was constructed in 2008 and that is when this problem was created.

Mackin reiterated his previous comments stating that no surveys were completed, the street was not measured, and the population base most effected is the senior citizens.

1 Garrigan suggested prohibiting parking Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. to help with
2 daytime congestion.

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4 Mayor TASKAY asked if they could be designated as disabled parking.

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6 Mackin asked the Council to table this ordinance until more information is gathered so they know if
7 there is even a problem that exists. KAHLE stated that we do believe there is a problem.

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9 Diane Leverance asked if there is a way a city employee and citizen could be stationed by the road to
10 take pictures of traffic and parked cars.

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12 O'HARE stated that with the dance studio in by the American Legion, there is a lot more traffic in the
13 evening.

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15 MAYOR TASKAY asked how many parking stalls were in their lot. Garrigan stated that maneuvering
16 through the parking lot and getting in and out is difficult. Mayor TASKAY asked if they could reengineer
17 the parking lot, Council reviewed the parking lot area.

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19 Clerk BARTZ pulled up an arial view of the area and measured the street. On the aerial view the
20 roadway appeared to be 35' wide, each parking stall is 9' wide, it leaves 17' for both travel lanes (8.5'
21 each).

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23 Mackin appreciates being heard and his concern is with the seniors in Tomahawk. Garrigan also thanked
24 the Council for being heard.

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26 2. 2023-03, a resolution designating parts of the City of Tomahawk as animal nuisance areas and
27 allowing bow and arrow hunting within those areas.

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29 There were no public comments.

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31 KAHLE MOVED to close the public hearing and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The public
32 hearing was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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34 **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

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36 **Minutes:** GARSKE MOVED to approve the August 1, 2023 minutes and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was
37 unanimous.

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39 **Approval of Checks:** GARSKE MOVED to approve General Fund checks 114403 – 114533 and 10
40 electronic payments in the amount of \$359,347.81, payroll check 52903 – 52912 and direct deposit
41 checks V12594– V12683 in the amount of \$103,882.35 and Solid Waste Fund checks 1918 – 1923 in the
42 amount of \$31,798.07. WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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44 1. **Reports - Committee Reports**

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

1 Board of Public Works – ROSENMEIER reported that the Board of Public Works met on August 29th,
2 2023. He stated that the Board reviewed a request for disabled parking on Merrill av, reviewed opening
3 the State Highway 86 bridge across US Highway 51 for ATV traffic, approved moving forward with
4 McKinley St water main replacement, and reviewed the progress on 6th Street.

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6 Health and Safety Committee – GARSKE reported that Health and Safety Committee met on August 29th,
7 2023.

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9 Finance Committee – MICKEY LOKA stated that the Finance Committee met on August 29th, 2023 and
10 approved a counter offer to purchase 329 Bradley Farm Road.

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12 Park and Recreation Committee – Clerk stated that the Park and Recs Committee met on August 3rd,
13 2023 and approved the use of RoverPass as an online reservation system. She stated that MSA was also
14 in attendance and the Committee finalized the design for the splashpad and are moving forward with a
15 request for a waiver to Buy American, Build American Act.

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17 Commission on Aging – Clerk BARTZ stated that the Commission on Aging met on August 29th, 2023 and
18 are working on a Car Show at the Center on September 9th, 2023.

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20 Library Board – O’HARE passed around a “calm strip” that they are now offering to help patrons from a
21 mental health grant the Library received. She stated that she has received lots of compliments and
22 comments on how nice the Tomahawk Public Library is.

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24 O’HARE stated that the School year programs are starting. HASKIN encouraged the Council to spend
25 some time over at the Library.

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27 **2.) Reports – Mayor’s Report:** Mayor TASKAY stated he had a meeting with Emergency Director.
28 Emergency Management meeting with Chief Elvins, Chief Winter and Clerk Bartz. He stated that he also
29 attended the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation meeting for hiring a Director as the
30 current Director is retiring.

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32 WEGENER asked about the sidewalk/path to the fishing dock at Veterans Memorial Park, KAHLE stated
33 that a gravel path is being looked at for construction yet this year.

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

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38 **Licenses**

39 1. Operator Licenses: HASKIN MOVED to approve the operators as presented and GARSKE
40 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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42 2. Tomahawk Main Street Octoberfest, October 7, 2023 (Amendment to Original Application):
43 GARSKE MOVED to approve the request for the amendment and waive open intoxicants from 2:00 p.m.
44 to 8:00 p.m. and NYSTROM seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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46 3. Wurl-Feind-ingman Post 2687 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony: GARSKE MOVED to approve the
47 request and WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

1 4. Tomahawk High School Homecoming Parade – September 29th, 2023: Clerk stated that she has
2 talked to new Athletic Director, he has assured us that a timely application will be submitted going
3 forward. GARSKE MOVED to approve the permit and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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5 **Ordinances**

6 1. 2023-05, an ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 94
7 Traffic and Vehicles, Article III. Operation of Vehicles Generally, Section 94-115 No Parking Zones, Bus
8 Stops, and Taxi Stops
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10 GARSKE MOVED to table the proposed ordinance until the next meeting when more information is
11 gathered. WEGENER seconded.
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13 Mayor TASKAY stated that he would like to see the parking lot for the American Legion reengineered.
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15 The VOTE was unanimous.
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17 2. An ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code Chapter 62 Offenses and
18 Miscellaneous Provisions, Division 2 Curfew
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20 GARSKE MOVED to introduce the proposed ordinance and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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22 3. An ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Code by Amending Chapter 94 Traffic and
23 Vehicles, Article VII. All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles, Section 94-229 All-Terrain Vehicle Routes
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25 GARSKE MOVED to introduce the proposed ordinance and NYSTROM seconded. The VOTE was
26 unanimous.
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28 **Resolutions:**

29 1. 2023-03, a resolution designating parts of the City of Tomahawk as animal nuisance areas and
30 allowing bow arrow hunting within those areas
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32 HASKIN MOVED to adopt the resolution and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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34 **Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is scheduled for October 3, 2023 at City
35 Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.
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37 **Adjourn:** GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and WEGENER seconded. The
38 VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.
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40 Approved: _____

Steven E. Taskay, Mayor

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44 Amanda L. Bartz, CMC, WCMC