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**Common Council**  
**City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**  
**23 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, Jeff Kahle, Ed Nystrom, Will Garske, Dale Ernst, Tadd Wegener, Patricia Haskin, and Steven “Ding” Bartz. Absent was Mike Loka.

Also in attendance was Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Miranda Swenty, Administrative Assistant Lexie VanStrydonk, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Police Chief Al Elvins (virtual), Library Director Heidi O’Hare, Chamber Director Sherri Hulett, Main Street Director Jennifer Turkiewicz, and Zach Gardner.

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

**Public Hearing:** MICKEY LOKA MOVED to open the public hearing and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

**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**

ROSENMEIER stated that he met with the American Legion and measured the roadway. He stated that it is 34’ 6” wide, four parking stalls would be affected by this ordinance.

ERNST asked how much land (right-of-way) was owned beyond the curb. He also stated that he would think they would want the parking stalls closest to the door. He also asked if it would make sense to limit parking during business hour, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. rather than prohibit the parking.

MICKEY LOKA reminded the Council that we are in the public hearing.

**2023-06, an ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code Chapter 62 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Division 2 Curfew (pg. 25)**

There were no public comments.

**2023-07, an ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 94 Traffic and Vehicles, Article VII. All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles, Section 94-229 All-Terrain Vehicle Routes (pg. 27)**

There were no public comments.

BARTZ MOVED to close the public hearing, and GARSKE seconded. The vote was unanimous.

1 **Public comments:** There were no public comments.

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3 **Minutes:** GARSKE MOVED to approve the September 5, 2023, September 20, 2023, and September 26,  
4 2023 minutes and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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6 **Approval of Checks:** MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve General Fund account checks 114534 – 114659,  
7 9 electronic payments in the amount of \$2,001,053.84, payroll checks 52913 – 52923 and direct deposit  
8 checks V126894 – V12773 in amount of \$106,150.99 and Solid Waste Fund check 1924 in the amount of  
9 \$154.14. GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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11 **Committee Reports**

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

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15 **Board of Public Works** – ROSENMEIER gave a report stating the Board of Public Works reviewed an  
16 estimate and proposal for water main on McKinley St and reviewed updates on 6<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction  
17 and Lincoln Av culvert replacement.

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19 **Health and Safety Committee** – GARSKE stated that the Health and Safety Committee met last Tuesday  
20 and gave a brief report.

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22 **Finance Committee** – MICKEY LOKA noted that the Finance Committee approved a resolution to apply  
23 for an Urban forestry Grant for Emeral Ash Bore (EAB).

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25 **Park and Recreation Committee** – KAHLE reported that the Committee looked at the parking by the  
26 Historical Society and voted to add “No Overnight Parking”.

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28 **Commission on Aging** – The Commission on Aging has not met since the last Council meeting.

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30 **Library Board** – O’HARE reported that 4H has brought in their pollinator flower beds. She also stated  
31 that she has attended tech webinars regarding artificial intelligence. O’HARE stated that they are  
32 getting lots of calls about meeting rooms and they are looking into grants for libraries for transforming  
33 communities.

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35 **Mayor’s Report:** Mayor TASKAY stated he was asked to crown the king and queen for Homecoming. He  
36 stated that he has taken numerous phone calls from residents. He also reported he met with two  
37 gentleman that have ties to Tomahawk regarding a historical film.

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39 **Written Report from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc.:** Jennifer Turkowicz, Main Street, Inc. Director,  
40 stated that they are wrapping up Fall Ride and that Octoberfest is coming up on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.  
41 She also noted that they are working on a calendar of events for 2024.

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43 **Licenses**

44 **Operator Licenses:** GARSKE moved to approve the operator licenses and HASKIN seconded. The VOTE  
45 was unanimous.

1 **Ordinances**

2 2023-05, an ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 94 Traffic  
3 and Vehicles, Article III. Operation of Vehicles Generally, Section 94-115 No Parking Zones, Bus Stops,  
4 and Taxi Stops

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6 ERNSTED moved to adopt ordinance 2023-05 and BARTZ seconded.

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8 HASKIN stated that she does not want to restrict parking for businesses.

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10 NYSTROM stated that you cannot get heavy equipment through with parking on both sides of the road,  
11 he stated that you could go down to S Tomahawk Av but you may end up waiting for traffic and it is  
12 inefficient.

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14 The VOTE was 5-3 with MICKEY LOKA, NYSTROM, KAHLE, ERNST, and WEGENER in favor and HASKIN,  
15 GARSKE and BARTZ opposed. Motion passed.

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17 2023-06, 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 MICKEY LOKA MOVED to adopt ordinance 2023-06 and ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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22 2023-07, an ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 94 Traffic  
23 and Vehicles, Article VII. All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles, Section 94-229 All-Terrain Vehicle  
24 Routes

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26 HASKIN MOVED to adopt the ordinance and ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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28 An ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 62 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provision, Article IV.  
29 Weapons

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31 HASKIN MOVED to introduce the proposed ordinance and MICKEY LOKA seconded.

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33 Chief ELVINS stated that the current ordinance stated that a person cannot carry a weapon in  
34 Tomahawk.

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36 MICKEY LOKA stated that he would like to see a comparison between the current and proposed  
37 ordinance before voting.

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39 The VOTE to introduce the ordinance was 2-6 with HASKIN and ERNST in favor and MICKEY LOKA,  
40 NYSTROM, KAHLE, GARSKE, WEGENER and BARTZ opposed.

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42 ERNST MOVED to send the proposed ordinance back to the Health and Safety Committee for  
43 clarification and BARTZ seconded.

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45 Chief ELVINS stated that the current ordinance is in conflict with constitutional law and when a lady  
46 asked for permission to fire a weapon at her property, he noticed the conflict. HASKIN stated that there  
47 is not a comparison of the old and new ordinance.

1 The VOTE was 7-1 with HASKIN, NYSTROM, KAHLE, ERNST, GARSKE, WEGENER and BARTZ in favor of  
2 sending the ordinance back to Health and Safety Committee and MICKEY LOKA opposed. Motion  
3 passes.  
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5 **Other Business:**

6 A proposed lease between the City of Tomahawk and Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers for vacant  
7 land in the Tomahawk Senior Community Center Parking Lot (14' X 24') for Erection of a Carport  
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9 MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve the lease agreement and KAHLE seconded.  
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11 BARTZ asked why the current building could not be used or if a garage door opener could be installed for  
12 the current location. KAHLE stated that the garage at the Senior Center is being used by the Parks  
13 Department and the Senior Center.  
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15 Discussion followed.  
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17 Karen Johnson, Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers (TAIV), stated that we offered to put in a garage  
18 door opener, but it did not seem feasible at the time., all our volunteers are elderly.  
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20 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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22 **Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is scheduled for November 7, 2023 at  
23 City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.  
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25 **Adjourn:** BARTZ MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE  
26 was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.