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**Common Council**  
**City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**  
**23 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**  
**November 7, 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 Mike Loka, Patricia Haskin, Ed Nystrom, Jeff Kahle, Mickey Loka, Dale Ernst, Steve “Ding” Bartz, Tadd Wegener, and Will Garske (virtual).

Also in attendance was Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Library Director Heidi O’Hare, Police Chief Al Elvins (virtual), Main Street director Jennifer Turkiewicz, Roxanne Consolver, Zach Gardner, and Jalen Maki (virtual).

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

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

**Minutes:** BARTZ MOVED to approve the October 3, 2023 and MIKE LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

**Approval of Checks:** MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve General Fund account checks 114660 – 114797, 15 electronic payments in the amount of \$684,904.67, payroll checks 52926 – 52961 and direct deposit checks V12774 – V12920 in amount of \$181,089.64 and Solid Waste Fund check 1925-1931 in the amount of \$17,376.14. WEGENER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

**Committee Reports**

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

**Board of Public Works** –ROSENMEIER stated that the Board met on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and they heard public comments from the American Legion asking for reconsideration on the parking restriction on Railway Street. He stated that the request for disabled access was tabled until more information was received, and the 2024 Proposed Water Budget was approved and sent to the Finance Committee. ROSENMEIER stated that the Board also heard updates on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Project. He stated that they seeded, laid straw and planted trees.

**Health and Safety Committee** – HASKIN stated that the Health and Safety Committee met on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and gave a brief report.

**Finance Committee** – MICKEY LOKA stated that the Finance Committee met on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and gave a brief report.

**Park and Recreation Committee** – KAHLE stated that the Park and Recs Committee discussed the playground equipment, excavation, and temporary fencing for the Washington Square Park Improvements. He also reported that the park bathrooms had all been shut down for the winter.

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2 Commission on Aging – Clerk BARTZ reported that the Commission on Aging met and approve their 2024  
3 budget and reviewed their most recent fundraising efforts.

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5 Library Board – O’HARE reported that they now have a partnership with Island of Brilliance, a fellowship  
6 for autistic individuals. She stated that they are starting to gather and meet at smaller public libraries.

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8 O’HARE stated that we have started to move some of the materials to create accessibility parallels for  
9 patrons with accessibility. She stated that large print books will be moved to the first row next to audio  
10 books to make them more accessible. It is a big shift and are trying to remain open during the move.

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12 O’HARE also reported that they are working with Healthy Minds of Lincoln County Coalition to support  
13 mental and emotional health in the community. She stated that they are looking to have summer  
14 programing at the Library.

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16 O’HARE also reported that they had security and safety training.

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18 **Mayor’s Report:** Mayor TASKAY asked for a moment of silence for Mayor Bob Lee.

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20 Mayor TASKAY reported that he had the honor of speaking the groundbreaking for the new playground.  
21 He also reported that he has received phone calls regarding PFAS.

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23 Mayor TASKAY commended the Tomahawk Fire Department and all the responding departments for  
24 their firefighting efforts during the structure fires on Main Street (22 and 24 W Wisconsin Avenue) on  
25 November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. He stated that everyone on scene worked together amazingly from delivering fuel  
26 to bringing a port-a-potty to the scene.

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28 **Written Report from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc.:** Jennifer Turkiewicz, Main Street, Inc. Director, also  
29 thanked all those that responded to the fire on Main Street.

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31 Turkiewicz reported that they met to wrap up Octoberfest and Fallfest. She stated that they are getting  
32 ready to help the Chamber with the Annual Venison Feed and also Hometown Christmas. She also  
33 noted that they are working on season banners for Main Street.

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35 **Licenses**

36 Operator Licenses: There were no licenses to be approved.

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38 **Ordinances**

39 An ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 62 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provision, Article IV.

40 **Weapons**

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42 MIKE LOKA MOVED to introduce the proposed ordinance and MICKEY LOKA seconded. The VOTE was  
43 unanimous.

1 Proposed Ordinance to amend the City of Tomahawk Municipal Code Chapter 62 Offenses and  
2 Miscellaneous Provisions V. Smoking Prohibited in Certain Area

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4 HASKIN MOVED to introduce the proposed ordinance and NYSTROM seconded. The VOTE was  
5 unanimous.

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7 **Other Business:**

8 2024 Proposed Business Improvement District and 2023 (Payable in 2024) Special Assessment Rate

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10 Clerk BARTZ stated that the Business Improvement District Board met October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and approve  
11 the proposed operating plan and is requesting the self-imposed special assessment be set at the same  
12 rate as the prior years, \$3.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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14 HASKIN Moved to approve the proposed 2024 Operating Plan and set the special assessment at \$3.00  
15 per \$1,000 of value, MICKEY LOKA seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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17 **Next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Common Council is scheduled for December 5, 2023 at  
18 City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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20 **Adjourn:** HASKIN MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Common Council and ERNST seconded. The VOTE  
21 was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.