

MINUTES FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on March 17, 2025 at 819 Superior Ave. in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by John Glynn at 6:30 p.m. Present: Paul Dwyer, Travis Scholze, Richard Yarrington, John Glynn, Shawn Zabinski (arrived remotely at 6:54 p.m.), Mitchell Koel, Patrick Devine, Nellie Pater, and Dean Peterson. Absent: none. Also present: Nick Morales, Becki Weyer, Justin Derhammer, Kirk Arity, Joe Protz, Asst. Police Chief Eric Pedersen, and Tina Thompson. The meeting was also available via Zoom and was recorded by Hagen Sports Network. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.

Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2025

Motion by Scholze, second by Koel, to approve the minutes from February 17, 2025. Motion carried.

City Clerk Monthly Report

Clerk Weyer provided a monthly written report and provided an oral summary for the committee.

March 2025 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Derhammer provided a monthly written report and provided an oral summary for the committee.

Tomah Parks and Recreation Program Report

Dir. Protz provided a monthly written report and provided an oral summary for the committee.

Public Works & Utilities Report

Dir. Arity provided a monthly written report.

Police Department Monthly Report - February 2025

Chief Holum provided a monthly written report, and Assistant Chief Pedersen was available to answer any questions from the committee. Chief Holum has submitted his retirement notification, and his last day will be April 18th, 2025. The newest K-9 officer will be picked up in April of this year.

Chamber/Convention & Visitors Bureau

Dir. Thompson updated the committee on the upcoming events with the Chamber and CVB. The Best of Tomah survey ends on March 21st, and they have received over 2000 responses so far. They have seen more engagement this year than anticipated. Thompson attended the Governor's conference this year. The candidate forum was last week for the City Council and the school board. The recording is available on the Chamber website and on Hagen Sports Network. They are working on the lineup for Downtown Thursday Nights. Thank you to all who attended the Chamber banquet this year.

Special Beer and Wine Permit Application by Monroe County Support Services for Budweiser Dairyland Super Nat'l Truck & Tractor Pull on June 26-28, 2025

Motion by Yarrington, second by Pater, to recommend the Council approve the special beer and wine permit for the tractor pull on June 26-28, 2025. Motion carried.

Special Beer and Wine License Application by Monroe County Support Services for Monroe County Fair on July 23-27, 2025

Motion by Dwyer, second by Yarrington, to recommend the Council approve the special beer and wine license for the Monroe County Fair on July 23-27, 2025. Motion carried.

Monroe County Support Services (MCSS) extending hours of operation at the Monroe County Fair Beer Garden on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26, 2025 at Recreation Park

Motion by Yarrington, second by Pater, to recommend the Council approve extending the hours of the beer garden at the Monroe County Fair on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26 at Recreation Park to 1:00a.m. Motion carried.

Ordinance Creating Division 3 of Article VII regarding Tomah Convention and Visitors Bureau

Motion by Scholze, second by Yarrington, to recommend the Council approve the ordinance creating Division 3 of Article VII regarding the Tomah Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. Motion carried.

Facade Improvement Grant Program Application 1-2025

Motion by Peterson, second by Scholze, to recommend the Council approve the façade improvement grant application for Troy Gilson, owner of The Crow Bar for a maximum reimbursement of \$5,265.00 or 75% of the total project cost. Motion carried with one negative vote (Yarrington).

Concession Agreement Winnebago Park Kayak Rental Program

Motion by Peterson, second by Scholze, to recommend the Council approve the agreement between the City of Tomah and Surf Shak LLC, for a self-serve kayak rental unit for Lake Tomah. Motion carried.

Resolution for Payment of Monthly Bills

Motion by Dwyer, second by Koel, to recommend the Council approve the resolution for payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$4,234,499.74. Motion carried.

Award of Lake Tomah Forebay Cleaning Bid

Motion by Peterson, second by Dwyer, to recommend the Council approve the bid from Gerke Excavating for the dredging of the Lake Tomah forebay without the alternate bid. There is a 10,000 credit to extend the project one year. The Chairperson of the Lake Committee, Lamont Kiefer gave additional information on the importance of getting the forebay cleaned soon. A long discussion ensued on the importance of getting the forebay cleaned properly as it has not been cleaned since 2020. Motion carried with one negative vote (Yarrington).

ADJOURN

Motion by Peterson, second by Pater, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk