

Common Council Minutes October 15, 2024

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

A meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chambers on October 15, 2024 at 819 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Present: Paul Dwyer, Travis Scholze, Richard Yarrington, John Glynn, Shawn Zabinski, Patrick Devine, Nellie Pater, and Dean Peterson. Absent: District 5 vacancy. Also present: Kirk Arity, Becki Weyer, Tim Adler, Irma Keller, and Pam Buchda. The meeting was also available via Zoom. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.

ANYONE DESIRING TO APPEAR TO COUNCIL

No one desired to appear before the Council.

Mayor

The Mayor gave a report. He acknowledged a letter to the editor written by Alderperson Scholze from District 1. He appreciated the diligent staff for their work for the city of Tomah and encouraged citizens, employees, and Alderpersons to share their concerns with him when they arise.

Senior Executive Team Monthly Report

Molly Powell's last day was last Friday. SET provided a monthly written report, and Arity asked the Council for any questions. There were none.

Public Safety September Monthly Report

Fire: Had another busy month with a lot of calls. The Thomas B. Earle granted the Fire Department \$2000. Hunter's Night out will be held on November 2, which is the largest fundraiser of the year.
EMS: They also received \$2000 from the Thomas B. Earle Foundation that will be used to install laptops in the ambulances to update the current equipment. They will be picking up the remounted ambulance that has been out of commission since February of this year. They will be taking the next ambulance for remount. October 30th will be the next Ambulance Commission meeting. The fire-impacted buildings downtown will be coming down starting this week.

Library

There were 1973 eBook and 4473 physical checkouts at the library last month. Keller covered the new books at the library and the upcoming scheduled events. The stair reconstruction of the library will be completed this week.

Senior & Disabled Services Department monthly report

Buchda provided a monthly written report and provided a summary for the Council. The Senior Center will be closed at 12:30 on Halloween due to staff setting up for the Halloween party. They will be starting a new fundraiser in conjunction with Culvers where the Senior Center gets 5% of the sales between 5-8pm on Monday October 28th. Medicare open enrollment began on October 15. Buchda is looking for volunteers for the upcoming fundraising events.

August 2024 Permit Reports

Casey Kinnear provided monthly permit reports for Council review.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Peterson, second by Pater, to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Special Beer Permit Application by Queen of the Apostles for Queen of the Apostles Fall Fest on October 20, 2024
- B. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2024

Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Payment of Monthly Bills

Motion by Zabinski, second by Glynn, to approve the resolution authorizing payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$2,704,009.72. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO : _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Tomah that the Committee of the Whole has reviewed the monthly bills and recommends the City Council approve said bills as follows:

1. Pre-Paid Checks:	2024	\$1,895,581.64	Check #'s:	145445	145461
				145491	145601
2. Payroll:		\$301,378.94	Dir Dep #'s:	9303867	9304100
3. Wire/ACH Transfers:		\$478,202.87			
4. Invoices:		\$28,846.27			
Total:		<u>\$2,704,009.72</u>			

Mayor

Clerk

Requested by: Finance Department

Submitted by: Committee of the Whole

October 14, 2024

Approval of ARPA Funding to 2025 and 2026 Budgets

Motion by Zabinski, second by Glynn, to allocate the use of \$122,000 for the General fund budget for IT services, and \$74,000 for Senior Center operations in 2025 and to approve the use of \$83,832.13 towards the 2026 budget. Motion carried.

Request to Donate Leave

Motion by Yarrington, second by Zabinski, to approve Molly Powell to donate 40 hours of sick time upon her termination to an employee with an open sick time donation request. Motion carried.

Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing

Motion by Scholze, second by Yarrington, to approve the resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from borrowing in 2025. Motion carried.

September 30, 2024 Cash and Investments Schedule

Motion by Zabinski, second by Scholze, to approve the September 30, 2024 Cash and Investments Schedule. Motion carried.

Approval of TID 9 funds for additional street lighting

Motion by Yarrington, second by Devine, to approve the use of TID 9 funds for additional street lighting near the Walmart Distribution Center on Industrial Ave. Motion carried.

Council Discussion and Decision on District 5 Vacancy

Nicole Hart, the Alderperson for District 5 has vacated the position due to moving out of the area. The Council discussed the possibility of leaving the seat vacant until April or putting an advertisement out to bring another interim Alderperson in until the election in April. Motion by Yarrington, second by Scholze, to advertise the position and have them appear before the Council next month in a selection process to choose the interim Alderperson. Motion carried.

Appointment of Terry Christen to the Ordinance Committee to fulfill the remaining term of Jim Stroh ending in April 2026

Motion by Pater , second by Zabinski, to approve the mayor’s appointment of Terry Christen to the Ordinance Committee to fulfill the remaining term of Jim Stroh ending in April 2026. Motion carried.

Appointment of 2024-2025 Election Officials

Motion by, second by, to approve Robert Caulkins as an election worker for the 2024-2025 election season. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Yarrington, second by Zabinski, to approve Adjourn to Closed session Pursuant to Wis Stat 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Paul Dwyer

Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk