

MINUTES FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by John Glynn at 6:30 p.m. Present: Paul Dwyer, Travis Scholze, Richard Yarrington, John Glynn, Patrick Devine, Nellie Pater, and Dean Peterson. Absent: District 5 vacancy and Shawn Zabinski. Also present: Kirk Arity, Chief Scott Holum, Tina Thompson, and Becki Weyer. The meeting was recorded by Hagen Sports Network and was available via Zoom. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.

Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2024

Motion by Dwyer, second by Yarrington, to approve the minutes from October 14, 2024. Motion carried.

City Clerk Monthly Report

Weyer provided a monthly written report and gave a summary for the Committee. There was a total of 4,354 ballots cast in the November 5th election. Weyer thanked all who worked and supported to make the election possible.

Public Works And Utilities Director Report

Arity provided a monthly written report.

Street: Mr. Manhole and epoxy painting are left inside the ROW for the West Veterans project. Final assessments for West Veterans, May Street, and East Juneau will be prepared soon. They continue to pick up leaves as the weather permits.

Sewer: Operations are normal.

Water: They had a major watermain leak with just over 1 million gallons lost. This started on 11/04 and into 11/05. They eventually found and repaired the leak in the Cleaveland street area.

Lake: The Lake Committee's next meeting is 11/21/24 at 5:00 p.m.

Police Department Monthly Report - October 2024

Holum provided a monthly written report. There was an interview process for a patrol officer, and they have extended a conditional offer of employment. If favorable, he will start on January 2, 2025, and attend the police academy in February. Sgt. Cody Paulson will be the handler of the new canine in 2025. There are 120 cards on the giving tree at the Police Station. The holiday parade will be on November 29th. The holiday train will be coming through Tomah on December 9th on the tracks by the Amtrack station.

Alternate side parking is currently in effect; however, they are not enforcing until there is snow. They usually notify the public through social media when this happens.

Chamber/Convention & Visitors Bureau

Last week they wrapped up the leadership series that started in March of this year. The Area Guide is in process. The Chamber has formed a foundation, and they are trying to establish business reinvestment grants for the City's businesses. They will be drawing for a grand prize at the annual Chamber Banquet. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber and Visitor's Center. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be open to anyone on Thanksgiving day and starts at 11 a.m. on Murray's on Main.

Request to transfer \$2,500 from a revenue account to an expense account

The Tomah Police Department utilizes Lexipol for their policies and procedures. The League of WI Municipalities Mutual Insurance issued a check to the City of Tomah in the amount of \$2500 for utilizing Lexipol's services. The request is to deposit the check into revenue account 01-48420 and then transfer to expense account #01-52100-3400. Motion by Scholze, second by Yarrington, to recommend the Council approve the budget amendment as requested. Motion carried.

Final Approval of Downtown Facade Improvement Program

The existing Façade Loan Program was established in 2020 within TID #8 and has only been utilized by two businesses since its creation. City staff believe that this may be a result of the existing program only providing low-interest loans and the increasingly onerous requirements associated with procuring a loan. Additionally, the 2024 City of Tomah Comprehensive Plan includes goals and action items related to downtown revitalization. These reflect prioritized public comments gathered throughout that process. City

staff believe that an alternative downtown-based program could be established to facilitate timely and more robust revitalization efforts. Yarrington spoke out against the program as he believes it unfair to citizens that do not reside within TID 8. Motion by Scholze, second by Devine, to recommend the Council approve the Downtown Façade Improvement Program with the amendment of removing Molly Powell's name. Approved with one negative vote (Yarrington).

Resolution for the Payment of Monthly Bills

Motion by Scholze, second by Pater, to recommend the Council approve the Resolution for the payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$1,767,912.70. Motion carried.

Secondhand Article Dealer License Application for ecoATM, LLC

Sean Flaherty with ecoATM, LLC has applied for a Secondhand Article Dealer License renewal for the premises at 222 w McCoy Blvd (inside Walmart Supercenter) for the license period of January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025. Motion by Yarrington, second by Devine, to recommend the Council approve the secondhand dealer license for ecoATM. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Peterson, second by Dwyer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk