

AGENDA FOR JOINT CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

A Joint City/School District Planning Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November** 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM

in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

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CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

AGENDA

Approval of the Minutes

Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Funding of School Crossing Guards

Meeting Frequency

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

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16 October 2025

CALL TO ORDER

• Time: 12:07pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

- 1. Alderperson Koel
- 2. Alderperson Pater
- 3. City Administrator Morales
- 4. Chief of Police Pedersen
- 5. TASD Board President Genewkow
- 6. TASD Boad Vice President Stephens
- 7. TASD Superintendent Hanson
- 8. TASD Business Manager Clark

3. Discussion: School safety coordination

- Hanson: TASD says thank you for all previous safety coordination efforts, it has been great coordination.
- Gnewkow: Fantastic presence by Tomah Police in the buildings, good for the students to see.
- Pedersen: Relationship between TASD and the City is rare, many municipalities
 do not maintain as strong of relationships as we do. The State has had to write
 into law the requirement to improve these relationships.
- Stephens: I see response time as being crucial anytime there is a safety incident and Tomah PD has been very quick to respond.
- Pedersen: Proactively increased our presence at football games and other mass gatherings that tend to be targets. We will continue to take a proactive approach to school safety as long as I am around. Feedback from the community is that they expect Tomah PD to respond appropriately and timely, and that is what we will do.
- 4. Approval: Crossing guard manning, training, and equipping
 - City Administrator Morales: gave an oral staff report.
 - Chief Pedersen: Gave a comparative assessment of how the City of Sparta has had the same conversation and decided to stop employing crossing guards.
 Assessment of current amount of crossing guards. Assessment of traffic control

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equipment that can help to mitigate safety issues. Received only two applicants for crossing guards, one was a career criminal.

- Hanson: Crossing guards are very much needed and safety is very important to us as well. We appreciate the traffic control equipment.
- Pedersen: Middle school supplies staff to assist with crossing.
- Clark: Crossing guards at La Grange and Middle School. We have the same difficulty in hiring issues of crossing guards.
- Hanson: Some flexibility with part time bus drivers that want more hours.
- Koel: Is there flexibility with recruiting current TASD employees?
- Clark: Yes.
- Pater: Can volunteers help?
- Clark: Yes, we have reached out to parents to do it. It has been very dangerous
 for the adults that have done it. We can reach out to the Queen of Apostles. We
 will find the money in our budget.
- Motion: Table, Morales
- Second: Pedersen
- Discussion:
- Amendment:
- Vote: 8-0

5. Future agenda items

- Election of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
- Funding of crossing guards
- Meeting frequency

6. Next meeting date

12 November 2025 at 12:00pm at Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT