

Common Council Meeting Minutes 01/17/2023

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

After the pledge of allegiance, The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Murray at 6:00 p.m. Present: Michael Murray, Adam Gigous, Richard Yarrington, John Glynn, Shawn Zabinski, Mitchell Koel (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Lamont Kiefer, Nellie Pater, and Dean Peterson. Also present: City Attorney Penny Precour (remote), Kirk Arity, Becki Weyer, Molly Powell, Shane Rolff (remote), Tim Adler, Irma Keller, Pam Buchda, and Tina Thompson. The meeting was recorded by Greg Hagen. The meeting was also available remotely via Zoom. All motions are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Agenda:

Motion by Zabinski, second by Pater, to Adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 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. Re: Senior Executive Team survey review by Council. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

The meeting resumed to open session at 6:19 p.m.

ANYONE DESIRING TO APPEAR TO COUNCIL

Pete Thorson from 2522 Hyland Ave., Tomah appeared virtually to the Council to express his concerns about a hydraulic study and encroachments.

Mayor

The Mayor encouraged members of the public to participate in the upcoming Freezefest activities and requested city personnel to publish information on the city's website.

Senior Executive Team

Kirk Arity provided a written Senior Executive Team Monthly Report and entertained questions from the Council. If there are additional members of the Council that would like to attend the Chamber Banquet, they should contact any member of the SET so another table can be secured.

Public Safety

Dir. Adler provided a monthly Public Safety December Monthly Report.

Fire: Recently hired two new fire fighters. They were busy in December, mostly on motor vehicle accidents due to the poor weather conditions.

EMS Building: construction is moving along as scheduled. Electricians are making progress and carpenters are nearly complete with interior stud walls. Painting of the wash bay has begun. Keller has been communicating well so far on this project. There will be a DSPS audit tomorrow on 1/18/23.

EMS: Currently fully staffed. Have been interviewing for part-time staff and will be onboarding three new part time staff. The Council asked questions about denied transfers which are detailed in Adler's written report.

Library

Keller provided a year-end update. In 2022, 22,307 eBooks were checked out, and there were 52,918 physical check outs for a total of 75,225 items. The children's department received a donation of board games. Keller thanked the Friends of the Library and the Tomah Lions club for their donations. Hot Reads for Cold Nights is now underway. On January 26th, the Woman King will be shown at 5:30p.m. Patrons can check out the library schedule on their website at tomahpubliclibrary.org. Keller encouraged council members to reach out if additional library information is needed.

Senior & Disabled Services

Dir. Buchda provided a written Senior & Disabled Services update. She also provided an update on goals for the upcoming year. Freezefest will be held the last week of January and first week of February. Friday the February 3rd, Freezefest Bingo and Euchre will be held at the Sr. Center with a potluck to follow. Bingo will be \$0.50 per card; Euchre will be \$2.00 to play. A Freezefest button will be required to participate. Buchda went into great detail about usage rates over the last year and programs that were available and will continue to be available over the next year. Details are available in the Sr. Center monthly and annual newsletters.

Planning & Building Inspection

Rolff provided the December Building Permit & Code Enforcement Reports for Council review. Rolff will provide an annual report February Council meeting. This spring, The Planning and Building Inspection department and Code Enforcement officer will be focusing on dilapidated buildings. Rolff asked for specific addresses or items where the Council would like to see focused efforts.

Chamber/Convention & Visitors Bureau

The annual Chamber Banquet will be the last Monday in February. There will be a comedian performance. The Chamber is working with the city on putting up signage around town. Thompson continues to book bands for Downtown Thursday nights. There was a maintenance issue at the Chamber building with a small water leak. Area guides are nearly complete and on target for distribution this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Koel, second by Zabinski, to approve the following consent agenda with approval of the “Class B” Liquor & Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Brick Sip Haus contingent upon successful completion of the police and fire inspection and the approval of the Lake Tomah Youth Snowmobile Races for the Warrens WIKCR Northeast Club contingent upon providing the proper insurance documents prior to the race.

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2022
- B. December 31, 2022 Cash and Investments Report
- C. Special Beer Permit Application for the Tomah Warrens Sportsman’s Alliance (TWSA) for TWSA Ice Fisheree on Saturday, February 11, 2023.
- D. Secondhand Article & Jewelry Dealer Licenses Application for ecoATM, LLC of Tomah
- E. Lake Tomah Youth Snowmobile Races for the Warrens WIKCR Northeast Club on Saturday, February 25, 2023.
- F. Application of “Class B” Liquor & Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License for Brick Sip Haus.

Motion carried.

Resolution Supporting Wisconsin Public Service Commission Consideration Of The City Of Tomah's Energy Innovation Grant Application

Motion by Gigous, second by Pater, to approve the Resolution Supporting Wisconsin Public Service Commission Consideration of the City of Tomah’s Energy Innovation Grant Application. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No: 2023-01-17-01

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF TOMAH'S ENERGY INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMAH, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the City of Tomah has written a grant application seeking state assistance through the Energy Innovation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant application proposes a Comprehensive Energy Plan project under the program to analyze, explore, identify, and recommend new electric vehicle charging station sites within the City of Tomah best suited to have the highest impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, if successful, the City of Tomah will provide a 20% match for the project, in addition to in-kind staff time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Tomah hereby encourages the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to consider and award the City of Tomah's Energy Innovation Grant application for the Comprehensive Energy Plan project.

This Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Tomah on the 17th day of January 2023.

CITY COUNCIL

By: _____
Michael Murray, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk

Resolution for Payment of Monthly Bills

Motion by Zabinski, second by Kiefer, to approve the resolution for payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$2,490,314.81. 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:	2022	\$886,020.86	Check #'s:	141634	141661
				141686	141788
2. Payroll:		\$265,158.50	Dir Dep #'s:	9297826	9298045
3. Wire/ACH Transfers:		\$418,270.95			
4. Invoices:		\$920,864.50			
Total:		<u>\$2,490,314.81</u>			

Mayor

Clerk

Requested by: Finance Department

Submitted by: Committee of the Whole

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CentralSquare records management system migration for the Tomah Police Department.

Motion by Koel, second by Glynn, to approve the implementation of the CentralSquare RMS software in the amount of \$80,000. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Peterson, second by Pater, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Michael Murray

Attest: Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk