

The COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Tomah met in SPECIAL SESSION, May 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Mike Murray presiding in the Municipal Building, 819 Superior Ave., Tomah, WI.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Travis Scholze, Lamont Kiefer, Wayne Kling, Larry Siekert, Mary Ann Komiskey, Richard Yarrington, Shawn Zabinski, Jeff Cram and Mike Murray present. Absent: None. Quorum present. Also in attendance: City Admin. Roger Gorius, City Atty. Penny Precour, Ambulance Director Randy Dunford, and City Clerk JoAnn Cram. Greg Hagen videotaped the meeting.

Resolution Authorizing a Change in the 2018 City of Tomah Position Count by the Creation of Five (5) Additional Full Time Paramedic/EMT positions for the City of Tomah Area Ambulance Service. Motion by Scholze, second by Yarrington to approve the resolution authorizing a change in the 2018 City of Tomah position count by the creation of five (5) additional full time paramedic/EMT positions for the City of Tomah Area Ambulance Service.

Discussion – presently, one unit is staffed 24/7. Part time is used to staff additional ambulances. There are only 10 local people and the on-call policy was abolished with the startup of the paramedic service. The additional staffing would be funded through the revenues generated from responding to the calls that are currently being turned down. There is no union contract at this time, and all employees will be hired at the current paramedic/EMT wage. The transfer service supports the 911 service and this would not require any tax dollars.

Motion passed without negative vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05-23-19
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE 2018 CITY OF TOMAH
POSITION COUNT BY THE CREATION OF 5 ADDITIONAL
FULL TIME PARAMEDIC/EMT POSITIONS FOR THE
CITY OF TOMAH AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Tomah hereby authorizes a change in the 2018 City of Tomah position count by the creation of 5 additional permanent full time Paramedic/EMT positions working the current 24/48 work schedule commonly referred to as the "Platoon Schedule", and

WHEREAS, it is documented that due to low staffing Tomah Area Ambulance cannot meet the demand for services and is forced to refuse facility transfer demands and also must frequently request mutual-aid from neighboring agencies to assist with 9-1-1 emergency calls. It is in the best interest of the City to create 5 additional permanent full time Paramedic/EMT positions to guarantee staffing of 1 ambulance 24/7 and provide for transfers, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Tomah establishes 5 additional full time Paramedic/EMT positions as an hourly non-exempt position that includes all applicable benefits afforded by City Union employees as outlined in the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local #127 Contract and the City of Tomah Employee Personnel Manual, and

WHEREAS, these employees will have a work schedule which is assigned by the Director of Ambulance Services or his/her designee as necessary to provide for the needs of the department. Assignment to this position is subject to a six month probationary period. This position will be classified as a member of the IAFF Local #127 Union and the Common Council establishes the initial rate of pay as agreed to in said agreement. The 5 additional employee count positions creation will be effective May 23, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Tomah Common Council does hereby authorize a change in the 2018 City of Tomah Position Count by the creation of 5 additional full time Paramedics/EMTs to be responsible for emergency medical service duties for the City of Tomah, primarily at the Tomah Area Ambulance Department, as described above.

Dated this 23th day of May 2018.

Michael Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

JoAnn M. Cram, City Clerk

Motion by Kiefer, second by Kling to adjourn. Motion passed without negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Approved:

Michael Murray, Mayor

Attest:

JoAnn M. Cram, City Clerk

Minutes to be approved June 12, 2018