

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Special Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
6:00 PM
Common Council Chambers

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Steve Hass with the following attending:

Paul Russell – District 1
Michael “Gus” Caylor – District 2
Rick Blake – District 3
LaDonna Fermanich – District 4
Dick Lupton – District 5
Mike Rick – District 6
Mark Weix – District 7
Steve Sabatke – District 8

Other’s present: Mayor Steve Hass, City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Enrichment Center Director Tammie Mrachek, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Merrill Productions

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Other Agenda Items:

1. Discussion and consideration regarding Carlson Dettmann Consulting with the City of Merrill

Mayor Hass explained the Personnel & Finance Committee requested this issue be brought to a Committee of the Whole.

There was thorough discussion regarding Carlson Dettmann between the council members, city administration and department heads.

After discussion, a recommendation was made by Alderperson Caylor and seconded by Alderperson Rick to refer all reclassification requests to the new city administrator or hold until April 2023, whichever is sooner. The motion failed on a 4-5 roll call vote. Alderperson's Caylor, Lupton, Rick and Sabatke voted yes. Alderperson's Russell, Blake, Fermanich, Weix and Mayor Hass voted no.

After additional discussion, a recommendation was made by Alderperson Blake to continue with Carlson Dettmann until the next city administrator is in place. Alderperson Weix seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-3 roll call vote. Alderperson's Russell, Blake, Fermanich, Weix and Sabatke voted yes. Alderperson's Caylor, Lupton and Rick voted no. The recommendation will be referred to the September Common Council meeting.

V. Adjournment

Mayor Hass asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm – City Clerk