



CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • MONDAY AUGUST 23, 2021

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:15 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Russell called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Steve Hass	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Mark Weix	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	

Others in attendance (either in-person or remotely) included: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Alderman Rick Blake and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

II. COVID-19 Reports

Alderman Russell thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for responding to several incidents related to the recent storm and the fair. He also thanked the Street Department for their help with cleaning up after the afternoon storm on the Wednesday of the fair.

Alderman Russell then reported that, since the last meeting, he has not received any reports from Lincoln County officials. He noted that there has been a recent uptick in COVID-19 cases, so vigilance is critical.

Both Police Chief Bennett and Fire Chief Klug reported that they currently have an adequate supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

It was noted that the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has now officially approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

III. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:

1. Nuisance Complaints

The nuisance complaint summary report was in the meeting packet. It included five cases.

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported that razing will take place for two cases. Progress is being made on one case, so more time has been granted. In two cases, the renters are in the process of moving.

2. Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett and Fire Chief Klug answered questions and provided information related to the vouchers.

Motion (Hass/Weix) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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IV. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:

None.

V. Other agenda items to consider:

None.

VI. Minutes & Monthly Reports:

1. Minutes of July 26, 2021 meeting

The minutes were in the meeting packet.

Discussion was held on traffic concerns on East Sixth Street during the recent Lincoln County Fair.

Motion (Weix/Hass) to approve the minutes.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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2. Monthly Report - Fire Chief Klug

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Fire Chief Klug provided additional information on the report, including training and callback data.

A healthy baby was delivered recently by the paramedics.

A badge pinning ceremony was held recently.

Discussion was then held on fire inspections and compliance.

3. Monthly Report - Police Chief Bennett

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett reported that grant funding opportunities are being explored.

The Police Department took delivery on a new vehicle recently.

4. Monthly Report - Lincoln County Humane Society

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

It was noted that the shelter has now reopened to the public.

5. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Hass/Weix) to place on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

VII. Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting

Monday, September 27th, 2021 at 5:15 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VIII. Public Comment Period

On behalf of the Lincoln County Fair Association, Nathan Meyer thanked City Administrator Johnson, Fire Chief Klug and Police Chief Bennett for their assistance during the recent 2021 Lincoln County Fair. He also thanked the Merrill community for their support of the fair.

IX. Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Weix) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:41 P.M.