



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • MONDAY JULY 26, 2021**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**5:15 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

Alderman Russell called the meeting to order at 5:16 P.M.

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

Others in attendance included: Mayor Derek Woellner, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Alderman Rick Blake, Brian Kummerow, Eric Dayton, Ashley Martell, Devan Arntson and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

**II. COVID-19 Reports**

Alderman Russell reported that, since the last meeting, he has not received any reports from Lincoln County officials.

Vaccinations continue.

**III. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:**

**1. Nuisance Complaints**

The nuisance complaint summary report was in the meeting packet. Four cases were listed on the report.

The first case has a "due" date of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Progress is being made on the other three cases.

**2. Vouchers**

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Hass/Weix) to approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED</b> |
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**IV. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:**

1. Consider application from Bubba's Pub, LLC, for a Class "B" (beer) and a "Class B" (liquor) license for Bubba's Pub, 405 Grand Avenue, effective August 12, 2021.

A copy of the application was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett has no concerns with the application.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b> | <b>Next: 8/10/2021 6:00 PM</b> |
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2. Consider application from Boxkar Rentals, LLC, for a Class "B" (beer) and a "Class B" (liquor) license for Boxkar, 701 East Second Street, effective August 11, 2021.

A copy of the application was in the meeting packet.

Eric Dayton and Ashley Martell explained their plans related to this license application.

Police Chief Bennett reported that both he and Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel have questions/concerns related to the application. He stated that these questions need to be answered and the concerns need to be addressed before he would recommend approval.

Motion (Hass/Weix) to refer to the Common Council, with no recommendation.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>REFERRED TO COUNCIL</b> | <b>Next: 8/10/2021 6:00 PM</b> |
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3. Application from Trinity Lutheran Church for a temporary Class "B" (picnic) license to sell fermented malt beverages in the parking lot at Trinity Lutheran Church, 107 N. State Street, in conjunction with a Block Party on August 29, 2021.

A copy of the application was in the meeting packet.

Sawmill Brewing Co. would be providing bartenders for this event.

Police Chief Bennett has no concerns with the application.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b> | <b>Next: 8/10/2021 6:00 PM</b> |
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V. Other agenda items to consider:

1. Consider ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-37, to prohibit "Class A" licensees from selling intoxicating liquor between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. This complies with Wisconsin State Statutes 125.68(4)(b).

A copy of the ordinance amendment was in the meeting packet.

Motion (Hass/Weix) to approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b> | <b>Next: 8/10/2021 6:00 PM</b> |
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VI. Minutes & Monthly Reports:

1. Minutes of June 28, 2021 meeting

The minutes were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Weix/Hass) to approve.

**RESULT:           APPROVED****2. Monthly Report - Fire Chief Klug**

The report was in the meeting packet.

Fire Chief Klug provided verbal information on calls for service and training.

Six staff members have successfully passed their State of Wisconsin Fire Officer II certification examination to complete the Fire Officer II certification process.

Fire Chief Klug reported on the recent structure fire at 711 Martin Street. The department assisted with Traffic Incident Management following a motor vehicle accident in Marathon County on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The new fire truck has arrived and is being prepared for service.

**3. Monthly Report - Police Chief Bennett**

The report was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett provided verbal information on traffic citations.

The "Community Night Out" event has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Merrill Festival Grounds. Both the Police Department and the Fire Department will be participating in this event.

The Lincoln County Free Fair is scheduled for August 11-15. Per the request of the Fair Board, East Sixth Street (between Sales Street and Memorial Drive) will remain a two-way street to begin the fair. Historically this portion of East Sixth Street was changed to one-way (east) during the fair. The two-way designation will be done on a "trial" basis. If traffic backups are frequent during the fair, this section of street will be designated one-way during the fair.

Police Chief Bennett provided verbal information on squad cars and grant opportunities.

**4. Monthly Report - Lincoln County Humane Society (None submitted yet this month)**

The report was in the meeting packet.

**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, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 5:15 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

**VIII. Public Comment Period**

None.

IX. Adjournment

Motion (Weix/Hass) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:08 P.M.