

**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, July 25, 2022 - MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting      City Hall Council Chambers      5:15 p.m.**

Members Present: Alderpersons Mark Weix, Michael Caylor, Mike Rick,

Others present in person or remote: Alderperson Rick Blake, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Fire Chief Josh Klug, City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm, City Administrator Dave Johnson and Merrill Productions video operator

1. Chair Weix called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Nuisance Complaints & Vouchers:**
  1. **Nuisance Complaints** – Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck discussed the items on the nuisance list that was included in the agenda packet.
  2. **Vouchers** - Alderperson Rick made a motion to approve the vouchers for discussion. Alderperson Caylor seconded the motion. After a brief discussion the motion carried.
3. **Update on COVID-19 Report.** – Lincoln County Health Director Shelley Hersil attended remotely and gave an update on Covid 19 in Lincoln County. Currently the level is medium with approximately 20 cases per day in Lincoln County. There have been 3 hospitalizations in the past 2 months. She is anticipating a wave in the fall.

Alderperson Caylor suggested this need not be on future agenda's.
4. **Picnic and/or Liquor Licensing:**
  1. **Consider a Temporary Class “B” picnic license for Trinity Lutheran Church for August 28 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 107 N State St (fenced area per 2021 license) in conjunction with the Merrill Block Party.**

Alderperson Caylor made a motion to approve the temporary class “B” picnic license and send this to the Common Council. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried and will be forwarded to the Common Council.
5. **Other agenda items to consider:**
  1. **Discuss tornado siren triggers; referred from the June meeting**

Police Chief Bennett reported on the tornado siren triggers and all are working as designed. A siren controller could be purchased for \$3,000 with labor of \$1,000. For \$4,000 the trigger could be used on all sirens to be activated by radio.

Alderman Caylor made a motion to refer this matter to the Personnel and Finance committee. Alderman Rick seconded and the motion carried.

**6. Minutes and Monthly Reports:**

1. Minutes from June 27, 2022 meeting. Alderman Rick made a motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

2. **Monthly Reports – Fire Chief Klug** – the report was in the agenda packet.

Chair Weix thanked the five firefighters/paramedics who were at the airport for the Dream Flights for veterans living at Bell Tower.

3. **Monthly Reports – Police Chief Bennett** – the report was in the agenda packet.

Chief Bennett reported on a number of items. He reported on call volume regarding liquor licenses and junk vehicle calls. The police department received a donation from the Mason's for fire suppression tools. There will be three new hires; one starting August 1, the other two starting August 8. The July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks traffic control was changed and the traffic flow leaving the MARC was uncongested and flowed well. There will be one-way traffic on 6<sup>th</sup> Street during the fair. The K9 officer, Josh McCaskill will start training in the fall. The Police Department received a \$2,000 grant for new binoculars and thermal imaging devices.

4. **Consider placing monthly reports on file.**

Alderman Rick made a motion to place the monthly reports on file. Alderman Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

7. Next meeting will be Monday, August 22 at 5:15 p.m.

8. Public Comment Period – none.

9. **Adjournment** – Alderman Rick made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Caylor seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori L Anderson-Malm City Clerk