

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:00 PM**

I. Call to Order Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. Invocation - Pastor Bob Smallman

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Present: Alderperson Russell (remote), Alderperson Caylor, Alderperson Meyer, Alderperson Fermanich, Alderperson Sabatke, Alderperson Weix Jr., Alderperson Rick, Alderperson Lupton

Others present: City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Administrator Akey, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Finance Director Ley, Fire Chief Klug, IT Manager Brown, Parks & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Transit Director Brummond (remote), Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Pastor Smallman and Stephanie Springborn.

V. Public Comment Stephanie Springborn - N2395 Gen Drive - Owner of Winds Paradox. She addressed the Council regarding the halting of redevelopment of the Mathias Building. She thanked the Mayor, city officials, the Redevelopment Authority and the Council for their help during this process.

VI. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- 1. Consider placing the minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting on file** - Alderperson Russell made a motion to place the minutes from the February 13th Council meeting on file. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion Passed.

VII. Revenue and Expense Reports

- 1. Consider approving the February revenue and expense reports** - Alderperson Caylor made a motion to approve the February revenue and expense reports. Alderperson Rick seconded. Alderperson Fermanich addressed Finance Director Ley with clarification of an item in the report. Finance Director Ley stated she is researching the question and will present revised February reports at the March meeting. No action was taken.

VIII. Committee of the Whole

- 1. Take any action regarding the EV charging stations from the previous Committee of the Whole** - City Clerk Anderson-Malm read the motion from the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier that evening. Alderperson Meyer made a motion to forward to the April Council for further funding options. Alderperson Caylor seconded, and the motion passed on a 7/1 voice vote.

IX. Health & Safety

- 1. Consider a temporary Class "B" picnic license for the Lincoln County Rodeo Association Inc., to sell fermented malt beverages on June 7, 8, and 9, 2024 at the Merrill Festival Grounds in conjunction with the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - Alderperson Meyer made a motion to approve. Alderperson Sabatke seconded and the motion Passed.
- 2. Consider a temporary Class "B"/"Class B" picnic license for the Merrill Chamber of Commerce to sell fermented malt beverages and wine on May 18, 2024, at the Festival Grounds in conjunction with Merrill's Food Truck-a-Palooza. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - Alderperson Rick made a motion to Approve. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion Passed.
- 3. Consider a temporary "Class B" license for Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation for March 15, 2024, at the Expo Center/Bierman Building at 303 N Sales Street in conjunction with the Lincoln County Economic Summit: Taste of Merrill. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - Alderperson Lupton made a motion to Approve. Alderperson Weix Jr. seconded and the motion Passed.

X. Board of Public Works

- 1. Consider the bid for the M2024-01 O'Day Street Project to Merrill Gravel & Construction for \$503,253.37. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.** - Alderperson Rick made a motion to Approve. Alderperson Meyer seconded and the motion Passed on an 8/0 roll call vote.

XI. Place Committee Reports on File

- 1. Consider placing the following reports on file: Airport Commission, Marketing & Communications, Merrill Enrichment Center, Historic Preservation Committee, Board of Public Works, TB Scott Library, Health & Safety, Personnel & Finance, Board of Canvass, Transit Commission and Festival Grounds Committee.** - Alderperson Meyer made a motion to place the committee reports on file. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion Passed.

XII. Mayor's Communications Mayor Hass had the following communications:

Merrill Enrichment Center -

Walking inside the Expo Center occurs Monday through Thursday, 11am - 4pm, register at the desk

Grief Support is on March 28th at 1:30pm

Please check the newsletter for other activities

T.B. Scott Library -

March 13 at 2:00pm ADRC will be presenting a workshop regarding being a care giver

March 10 from 1:00 - 2:30pm, the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will

give a presentation

March 27th - Critics Choice movie

Other communications -

April 2nd is Election Day. All City Council seats and County Board seats are on the ballot. He encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

Merrill Historic Preservation is accepting applications for honorary street names. The submissions will be reviewed at the April meeting. Please check the City website for further details.

City of Merrill Transit system is expanding the service area, on a trial basis. Areas by the MARC, Glen Drive and Nicklaus Drive are included.

Food Truck-a-palooza is May 18th at the Festival Grounds. Over 25 vendors and 15 food trucks will be represented. Many non-profit groups are participating.

Mayor Hass thanked Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek, for his time at the City of Merrill. He stated, Nick has made a difference in our facilities and will be missed. He also wished Nick the best of luck in his new venture.

XIII. Adjournment Alderperson Lupton made a motion to Adjourn. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L Anderson-Malm - City Clerk