



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES • TUESDAY JULY 14, 2020

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Steve Hass	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Rick Blake	Aldersperson - Third District	Present	
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Present	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Mark Weix	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Alderman - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

2. Silent Prayer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Public Comment Period

Kelleen Wistein spoke against the rezoning resolution related to potential storage units on Poplar Street.

6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):

1. Minutes of June 9, 2020 meeting and July 7, 2020 meeting

Motion (Blake/Rick) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):

1. Revenue & Expense Report for the period ending June 30, 2020

Finance Director Unertl answered questions related to the report.

Motion (Osness/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. General agenda items:

1. Recognition of Daniel Vaughn for voluntary civic service

Mayor Woellner presented Daniel Vaughn with a Community Service Award. After a recent vandalism incident, Daniel initiated and completed a repainting project.

2. Employee Years of Service Recognition:

Don P. Seubert II, 25 years (Police Department)

City Clerk Heideman read a certificate of recognition for Don Seubert II.

9. Health and Safety Committee:

1. Change of trade name (Holiday #71 to Express Lane #2328) and change of agent (Gail Closser to Michelle Last) for Applegreen Midwest LLC, doing business at 702 N. Center Avenue. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approving both the trade name change and the change of agent.

Motion (Russell/Weix) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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10. Personnel & Finance Committee:

1. Consider Festival Grounds Manager contract

City Attorney Hayden reported that Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund has agreed to the terms of the revised contract.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Blake) to approve the revised contract.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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11. Placing Committee Reports on File:

1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, City Plan Commission, Health & Safety Committee, Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee, Police & Fire Commission, Redevelopment Authority, Transit Commission, Water & Sewage Disposal Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Osness) to place on file.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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12. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-85, related to the authority to call Committee of the Whole meetings (Ordinance #2020-12).

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading.

Motion (Osness/Van Lieshout) to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Carried.

City Attorney Hayden give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District
SECONDER:	Mike Rick, Alderperson - Sixth District
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke

13. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution disapproving a rezoning request (Residential to Industrial), to establish storage units on Poplar Street (north of East Ninth Street) (Resolution #2639).

WHEREAS, Jesse Dengel, has requested to rezone a parcel on Poplar Street north of 9th Street from Residential to Industrial pursuant to the Merrill Zoning Code Chapter 113, Section 113-430 for the purpose of establishing storage units at the following described property:

Lts 7-8-9-10, CSM1377 recorded in V6 P333 as Document #0386156, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, Pin # 251-3106-121-0205,

Commonly known as Poplar Street north of 9th Street, herein referred to as the "Premises"; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission scheduled a hearing on the application on July 7, 2020, due public notice having been given and opportunity given to those interested to speak on the application; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has reviewed the Application, found that it does not meet the requirements of Merrill Zoning Code, Chapter 113, Section 113-430, and has recommended disapproval of said application;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of July, 2020, that rezoning request shall not be issued to Jesse Dengel for the purpose of establishing storage units on the aforesaid described premises.

Motion (Hass/Russell) to approve the resolution disapproving the rezoning request.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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2. A Resolution ratifying the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 contract between the City of Merrill and the International Association of Firefighters Local 847 (Resolution #2640).

WHEREAS, negotiations between the City of Merrill and the International Association of Firefighters Local 847 have culminated a tentative contract agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of July, 2020, that the City of Merrill accept the terms and conditions for the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 employment years according to the terms of the contract between the City of Merrill and the International Association of Firefighters Local 847 on file in the City Clerk's office. Said changes and amendments in the terms and conditions to the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 contract shall be effective January 1, 2020. The existing agreement shall be modified accordingly.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District
SECONDER:	Rick Blake, Alderperson - Third District
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke

3. A Resolution honoring Christopher P. Clabots for his extended service and great contribution to the City of Merrill (Resolution #2641).

WHEREAS, Christopher P. Clabots has served the City of Merrill as a Firefighter-EMT, and Firefighter-Paramedic from July, 2000 to July, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Christopher P. Clabots cheerful manner, dedication to Fire service and to the City of Merrill and his hard work in virtually every area in which he was involved will be greatly missed by the Fire Department and Merrill's citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Christopher P. Clabots has earned the admiration and respect of his fellow employees by the way in which he has carried out his duties; and,

WHEREAS, Christopher P. Clabots' skills and experience, will be missed at the City of Merrill Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of July, 2020, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the faithful service Christopher P. Clabots has given the City of Merrill Fire Department and commends him for those 20 years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Christopher P. Clabots, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Merrill Fire Department, and extend our warmest wishes for his enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

Motion (Common Council/Common Council) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke

14. Mayor's Communications

Mayor Woellner stated his opinion that, although the number of COVID-19 cases in Lincoln County is increasing, people are generally doing a good job taking safety measures.

Mayor Woellner reminded everyone of the August 11th Partisan Primary election. Because of the election, the regular August Common Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12th.

15. Adjournment

Motion (Russell/Van Lieshout) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:22 P.M.