

CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, June 27, 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, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Fire Chief Josh Klug, City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Mayor Steve Hass, 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.

Alderperson Rick had a question regarding one item on the Police voucher list and one on the Fire voucher list. Police Chief Bennett explained the question regarding unpaid parking citations. Fire Chief Klug was unsure of the amount that was questioned and said he would check on the amount.

Alderperson Caylor questioned an \$8,000 expense for the fire department. Fire Chief Klug explained the amount was for a floor scrubber. Discussion occurred regarding this purchase.

Motion to accept the vouchers was made by Alderperson Rick and seconded by Alderperson Caylor. Motion carried on a 2/1 vote. Chairman Weix and Alderperson Rick voted yes to approve the vouchers. Alderperson Caylor voted no to approve the vouchers.

3. **Update on COVID-19 Report.** – City Administrator Johnson reported there have been no updates from Lincoln County regarding Covid 19. Chairman Weix asked if the Lincoln County Health Director could come to a meeting to provide information regarding the Covid levels. The Lincoln County Health Officer will be asked to come to the July meeting to report on Covid in Lincoln County.
4. **Picnic and/or Liquor Licensing:**

1. **Consider a temporary class “B” picnic license for Merrill Youth Softball Association (Merrill Fast pitch) for July 22, July 23, and July 24 at the MARC.**

Alderson Caylor made a motion to approve the temporary class “B” picnic license and send this to the Common Council. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

2. **Consider a temporary class “B” picnic license for Lincoln County Fair Association for the dates of August 17, 18, 19, 20 and August 21.**

Alderson Rick made a motion to approve the temporary class “B” picnic license and send this to the Common Council. Alderson Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

3. **Consider a temporary class “B” picnic license for Merrill Youth Hockey Association for August 25 and August 26.**

Alderson Caylor made a motion to approve the temporary class “B” picnic license and send this to the Common Council. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

4. **Consider a temporary class “B” picnic license for Merrill Youth Hockey Association on September 17 in conjunction with Pork in the Park.**

Alderson Rick made a motion to approve the temporary class “B” picnic license and send this to the Common Council. Alderson Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

5. **Street Use Permit application from Gesundheit Bar to close South Park Street (between E. 1st Street and Main Street) from 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM on Friday, July 15, 2022 for a live band.**

Police Chief Bennett was asked what time the city ordinance says regarding an end time and his response was 11:00 PM.

The committee received an email regarding this street closure however; since no one from the public was at the meeting to speak against the application the following motion was made.

Alderson Caylor made a motion to approve the street use permit application for Gesundheit Bar with the condition they follow the ordinance and end the music at 11:00 PM. Alderson Rick seconded the motion and motion carried.

5. **Other agenda items to consider:**

1. **Discuss tornado siren locations; referred from May agenda –**

Police Chief Bennett presented a map with locations of the old and new sirens. It has been established that all three of the older sirens are still working. There was continued

discussion regarding converting the old sirens. Police Chief Bennett will bring information back to this committee in July regarding setting up triggers for the old sirens.

2. **Adding Sec 36-95; The parking of unregistered motor vehicles prohibited on highways, to Chapter 36, Article II, Division 3, System of Parking and Safety Zones.**

Aldersperson Caylor asked for this to be placed on the agenda. Police Chief Bennett explained this addition will deal with habitual offenders.

Aldersperson Caylor made the motion to approve this addition. Aldersperson Rick seconded and the motion passed.

6. **Minutes and Monthly Reports:**

1. Minutes from May 23, 2022 meeting. Aldersperson Caylor made a motion to accept the minutes. Aldersperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.
2. **Monthly Reports – Fire Chief Klug** – the report was in the agenda packet.
3. **Monthly Reports – Police Chief Bennett** – the report was in the agenda packet.
4. **Monthly Reports – Lincoln County Humane Society** – no report this month

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

7. Next meeting will be Monday, July 25 at 5:15 p.m.

8. Public Comment Period – none.

9. **Adjournment** – Aldersperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Aldersperson Caylor seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori L Anderson-Malm City Clerk