

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 13, 2023 MINUTES**

Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The meeting had a delayed start due to the Committee of the Whole meeting held previously in the evening. The following elected officials, department heads and residents were in attendance:

Elected Officials and Department Heads present: Mayor Hass, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Unertl, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey, Library Director Ollhoff, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel and Fire Department Rep.

Excused: Fire Chief Klug and Park & Recreation Director Wendorf

Others in attendance: Pastor Mike Zahn, Mike Geissler and Merrill Productions.

- II. **Invocation** by Pastor Mike Zahn – United Methodist Church

- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

- IV. **Roll Call** was taken and the following alderperson's were in attendance:

Paul Russell – First District	Present
Michael “Gus” Caylor – Second District	Present
Rick Blake – Third District	Present
LaDonna Fermanich – Fourth District	Present
Dick Lupton – Fifth District	Present
Mike Rick - Sixth District	Present
Mark Weix – Seventh District	Present
Steve Sabatke – Eighth District	Present

- V. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

- VI. **Minutes of previous Common Council meeting** – May 9th, 2023

Aldersperson Russell made a motion to place the minutes from the May 9, 2023 Common Council meeting on file. Aldersperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

- VII. **Revenue & Expense Reports:**

Aldersperson Caylor made a motion to approve the May 2023 Revenue and Expense reports. Aldersperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

- VIII. **General Agenda Items:**

1. Consider approving Class “B” picnic licenses for Athletic Park Baseball Boosters to sell fermented malt beverages inside Athletic Park during baseball games on the following dates in 2023: May 28, June 2, 4, 6, 9, 13, 15, 20, 23, 26, 27, July 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 19. An additional day of July 5th was added – Aldersperson Rick made a motion to approve the picnic licenses. Aldersperson Sabatke seconded and the motion carried.

IX. Committee of the Whole:

1. Consider recommendations from the June 13th Committee of the Whole – Mayor Hass spoke on the EV charging stations discusses at the Committee of the Whole stating this will be discussed at a future meeting.

City Clerk Anderson-Malm read the following motion regarding the Communications Specialist. A motion was made to terminate the contract of the Communication Specialist per the terms of the contract. Alderperson Rick made a motion to approve the motion from the closed session. Alderperson Sabatke seconded and the motion carried.

X. Health & Safety:

1. Consider approving three temporary Class “B” picnic licenses for Merrill Youth Fastpitch Association for July 21, 22 and 23rd – Alderperson Rick made a motion to approve the three picnic licenses for Merrill Youth Fastpitch Association. Alderperson Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

2. Consider approving a temporary Class “B” picnic license for VFW/Post 1638 for July 29th – Alderperson Weix made a motion to approve the picnic license for VFW/Post 1638. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

3. Consider approving the 2023/2024 liquor license applications (per list) – Alderperson Weix made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 liquor license applications per the list provided. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

XI. City Planning Commission:

1. Update on rezoning request for 100 N Polk Street from public to business - Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel gave an update regarding this property. No action was taken.

XII. Employee Recognition:

Mayor Hass thanked David Graveen – Fire Department for his 20 years of service to the City of Merrill.

XIII. Place Committee Reports on File:

Alderperson Caylor made a motion to place the committee reports on file. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

XIV. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution approving the 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the City of Merrill Wastewater Treatment Plant

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill is required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to complete a Compliance Maintenance Annual Report on its Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill, has reviewed the Compliance Maintenance Report for the year 2022, and has determined that it reflects the performance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant during 2022; and

WHEREAS, the report indicates a need for continued improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and its operations to meet the requirements set forth by the WDNR;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN, this 13th day of June, 2023, that:

1. The Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2022 is hereby approved and authorized to be filed with the WDNR.

2. That the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2022 is an accurate indication of the performance of the City of Merrill Wastewater Treatment Plant for the year 2022.

City Attorney Hayden read the Resolution. Alderperson Rick made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderperson Blake seconded and the motion carried.

2. A Resolution honoring Joy Ellen Annis, for her long-time service to the City of Merrill

WHEREAS, Joy Ellen Annis, has served the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation Department for almost 24 years; and,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by dedication to the best interests of our community and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Joy has earned the admiration and respect of her fellow employees by the way in which she has carried out her duties; and

WHEREAS, Joy's dedication was above and beyond, and she always went out of her way to help all her fellow employees; and Joy's skills and experience will be missed at the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 13th day of June, 2023, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Joy has given the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation Department and commends her for those 24 years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Joy, congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement from the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation Department, and extend our warmest wishes for her enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

City Attorney Hayden read the Resolution. Alderperson Russell made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

XV. Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hass read the following communications:

The Rodeo and June Dairy breakfast were successes

Muds and Jams is the weekend

Quad Racing at the Festival Grounds on July 29th

The Fireworks will be at the MARC this year

The Critic's Choice Movie will be on June 28th at 1:00 PM at the TB Scott Library

The library still has State Park passes; contact the library for more information

Welcome to my Band! at the TB Scott Library on June 29th at 10:30 am

The Library will be closed Monday, June 19th for a staff development day

Oil Painting with Dennis will be at the Enrichment Center, June 27th at 9:00am

XVI.

Adjournment:

Aldersperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Aldersperson Blake seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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