



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA • WEDNESDAY MAY 13, 2020

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

To attend the meeting virtually, call 857-309-5486 and meeting PIN 909 576 747

1. Call to Order
2. Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comment Period
6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):
 1. Minutes of April 14, 2020 meeting and April 21, 2020 meeting
7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
 1. Revenue and Expense for the period ending April 30, 2020
8. Committee of the Whole:
 1. The Committee of the Whole recommends deferring the following 2020 capital items: Dock-Riverside (\$15,000), Streets Garage Parking Lot (\$100,000), Concrete - Sidewalk (\$75,000), Black Dirt Screening (\$12,500), Poplar & Court Streets project (\$150,000), Mill St. (East Main Street to East First Street) project (\$60,000) and West St. Paul Street (curb, gutter & paving) project (\$150,000).
 2. The Committee of the Whole recommends removing \$40,000 from Festival Grounds Cattle Barn repair/renovation fund.
 3. Consider budget amendment to approve \$70,000 for street lighting for the M2020-01 Grand Ave. project. At the April 14th Common Council meeting, this item was referred to the Committee of the Whole. At a meeting on April 22nd, the Committee of the Whole recommended approval.
9. Personnel and Finance Committee:
 1. The Personnel and Finance Committee has directed City Administrator Johnson, Community Development Program Coordinator Shari Wicke and City staff to prepare revisions to the Small Business Emergency Support Program policy and submit those revisions to the May Common Council meeting.
 2. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends implementing a hiring freeze for all hires, and to review the freeze at the November, 2020 Personnel and Finance Committee meeting. The Police Department, Fire Department and the T. B. Scott Free Library would be exempt from the hiring freeze.

3. Consider furloughing of Festival Grounds Manager position, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Personnel and Finance Committee has directed City Attorney Hayden to research the legal ramifications of a furlough for a contracted position. City Attorney Hayden is to report his findings at the May Common Council meeting.
4. Consider implementing policy that unused capital project funds be returned to the Debt Service Fund. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.
10. Placing Committee Reports on File:
 1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Committee of the Whole, Community Development Committee, Health & Safety Committee, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee, Redevelopment Authority and Tourism Commission.
11. Ordinances:
 1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 16-1 Schedules of licenses and fees, Chapter 4 Alcohol Beverages for the license year of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.
 2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-84 Meetings of the Common Council, related to allowable start time for Common Council meetings. Mayor Woellner is bringing this ordinance directly to the Common Council.
12. Resolutions:

None.
13. Mayor's Communications
14. Adjournment

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk

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