

CITY OF MERRILL

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2022 - MINUTES

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Steve Hass and Alderpersons Steve Sabatke, Dick Lupton and Mike Rick

Members Absent: Street & Weed Commissioner Ron Liberty and Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel

Others Present: Alderpersons Rick Blake, and Mark Weix, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Utility Superintendent Gabe Steinagle, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, Finance Director Kathy Unertl (remote), City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm, IT Manager Dustin Brown, Dave Schumitsch from Merrill Gravel & Construction Co. and Merrill Productions video operator

1. Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. Consider approval of meeting minutes from March 30th – Motion (Sabatke/Rick) to approve. Carried.
3. Water & Sewer Agenda Items:
 1. Water and Sewer Vouchers – Utility Superintendent Gabe Steinagle explained a number of large items in the voucher list. The first one for capital of \$20,000 for Incredible Bank is the equipment replacement fund. This covers supplies for water meters and fire hydrants. The second amount was \$14,000 for Ferguson and is for materials and supplies for water fittings. This is the order for summer supplies and was ordered ahead of time for water and sewer pipes and fittings. Superintendent Steinagle also talked about the amount of \$1,059 for Municipal Environmental Group which is a waste water membership for municipalities throughout Wisconsin. Municipal Well & Pump for \$6,900 for tearing out and scheduled rehab. North Central Labs for \$4,100 for a photo meter. The last meter was purchased in 2012 and is used for prosperous and fluoride testing. Per Mar Security Services of \$1,369 for yearly fire protection fees. SGS Environmental Contracting for \$6,199 was for water main leaks in the winter months. Motion (Rick/Lupton) to approve. Carried.
 2. Water and Sewer Operations Report – Citizens stopped running water for frost conditions. A number of complaints regarding utility bills have been received. Discussing how to make the format easier to read and possibly offer payment options. Increased amount of locates for diggers hotline due to spring and summer residential projects. Also the Town of Maine called; they are redoing their treatment plant and requested we start taking their residential waste until their plant is finished.

4. BPW Agenda items:

1. Board of Public Works Vouchers – Alderman Sabatke questioned the amount of \$1,497 for a cabinet. Superintendent Steinagle explained the cabinet is a control cabinet for lighting on Webster St.

Motion (Rick/Sabatke) to approve. Carried.

2. Consider use of PVC pressure water main (instead of ductile water main) – City Engineer Akey explained the reasoning behind using PVC pressure water main instead of ductile water main. The representative from Merrill Sand and Gravel, Dave Schumitsch recommended PVC and said the lead time is approximately 2 weeks for PVC piping. There was further discussion regarding this issue. It was recommended PVC pressure water main be added to the list of approved products. There was a motion to add PVC to the approved list. Motion (Lupton/Sabatke). Carried.

5. Monthly Reports – Were included in the agenda packet;

1. Building Inspector Pagel - excused
2. Public Works/City Engineer Akey
3. Street Superintendent Bonack
4. Street & Weed Commissioner Liberty - excused
5. Consider placing monthly reports on file – Motion (Rick/Lupton). Carried.

9. Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 25th at 5:15 p.m.

10. Public Comment Period – None

11. Motion (Rick/Sabatke) to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. Carried.

Prepared by: Lori L Anderson-Malm - City Clerk