

CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, April 24, 2023 - MINUTES
Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Alderpersons Mark Weix, Michael Caylor and Mike Rick (remote)

Others present in person or remote: City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Attorney Hayden, Fire Chief Klug, Police Chief Bennett, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Alderperson Lupton and Merrill Productions. Deputy Health Office Ashbeck was excused

- I. Chair Weix called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. **Minutes from the March 27th, 2023 meeting:**
Alderperson Caylor motioned to place the minutes from March 27, 2023 meeting on file. Chair Weix seconded and the motion carried.
- III. **Nuisance Complaints & Vouchers:**
 1. **Nuisance Complaints** – Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel reported on the nuisance complaints that were in the agenda packet.
 2. **Vouchers** – Alderperson Rick motioned to approve the vouchers. Alderperson Caylor seconded and the motion carried.
- IV. **General Agenda Items:**
 1. **Consider three temporary Class “B” picnic licenses for the Lincoln County Rodeo Association for June 9, 10 and 11, 2023.**
Alderperson Caylor made a motion to approve the three temporary Class “B” picnic licenses for the Lincoln County Rodeo Association for June 9, 10 and 11, 2023 and forward it to the May Common Council. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.
 2. **Discuss and consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 26, Article V, Section 26-134 Habitual Truancy**
City Attorney Hayden spoke about this request and the reason for amending the Ordinance. Following a brief discussion, Alderperson Caylor made a motion to approve this change and forward this to the May Common Council. Chair Weix seconded and the motion carried.
 3. **Discussion on deer population within the city and possible solutions.**
Police Chief Bennett discussed this issue and the possible solutions. He spoke with the DNR for possible solutions within the city limits. Discussion occurred between the committee members. Chair Weix requested deer crossing signs by Hwy K, Riverside Ave and Joe Snow as a caution for motorists. It was also suggested by South State St, Taylor Street and Grand Avenue/Hwy 107 for other signs. No action was taken and this will be placed on the August agenda for further discussion.

4. **Continued discussion regarding pool fills and potential rate increases:**

Chair Weix reviewed the previous discussion regarding this subject and stated Alderperson Caylor had a liability concern. Alderperson Caylor suggested the rate increase should be discussed in Personnel & Finance due to the financial aspect. Fire Chief Klug handed out additional information at the meeting and stated this service was added about 4 years ago.

It was suggested this service could be limited to city limits. Alderperson Caylor stated the rural fire service contracts for the Town of Rock Falls, Scott and Merrill have not been negotiated. The question was brought up for discussion as to why would the city offer this service if the above mentioned towns will not negotiate for rural fire service. No action was taken.

V. **Monthly Reports:**

1. Monthly Report – Police Chief Bennett – He highlighted some items in his report and answered questions.
2. Monthly Report – Fire Chief Klug – His report was in the packet. He highlighted some items and answered questions.
5. Alderperson Caylor motioned to place the monthly reports on file. Chair Weix seconded and the motion carried.

VI. **Establish date and time of next regular meeting:**

The next meeting will be Monday, May 22 at 5:15

VII. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

VIII. **Adjournment**

Alderperson Rick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderperson Caylor seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori L Anderson-Malm City Clerk