

CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 MINUTES

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 p.m.

1. Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members:

Paul Russell – First District	Present
Steve Hass – Second District	Present
Rick Blake – Third District	Present
Steve Osness – Fourth District	Present
John M. VanLieshout – Fifth District	Present
Mike Rick - Sixth District	Present
Mark Weix – Seventh District	Present
Steve Sabatke – Eighth District	Present
Derek Woellner – Mayor	Present

2. Invocation by Pastor William Hohman, New Testament Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment Period – None
5. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting – March 8 – Motion (Osness/Rick) to approve. Carried.
6. Revenue & Expense Reports for period ending March 31 – Motion (VanLieshout/Osness) to approve. Carried.
7. Tourism Commission – Clyde Nelson presented the Tourism Annual Report and responded to questions. Finance Director Unertl highlighted the SL-304 2021 Room Tax Report that was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.
8. Board of Public Works
 1. Consider authorizing waiver for private water and sanitary sewer service for Bryan Hoffman Construction CSM. The Board of Public Works recommends granting the utility waiver.

There was discussion as to property challenges of wetlands and rock and potential for higher density development consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Motion (Osness/Sabatke) to authorize the waiver for private water and sanitary sewer service. Carried on 8-0 roll call vote...

2. Consider bids received 3/23/2022 for crushing of street recycle material. The Board of Public Works recommends awarding to PGA, Inc. for \$50,000.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to award crushing of street recycle material to PGA, Inc. Carried.

3. Consider bids received 3/28/2022 for M2022-02 street/utility project (W. 10th St. between N. Center Ave. and Lake St.). Board of Public Works recommends rejecting the bids.

The 2022 budget amount was \$356,000 with the low bid almost \$570,000 due to price of fuel-related projects and ductile mains.

Motion (Rick/Weix) to reject the M2022-02 bids Carried.

9. Placing Committee Reports on File:

Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Board of Public Works, City Plan Commission, Community Development Committee, Health & Safety Committee, Historical Preservation Committee, T.B. Scott Free Library Board, Marketing & Communications Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee, and Transit Commission

Motion (Russell/VanLieshout) to place Committee Reports on File. Carried.

10. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution approving a conditional use permit for use of 925 E. Main St. as a church center (No. 2721)

WHEREAS, Johanna & James Doyle d/b/a The Gathering Table, has requested a conditional use permit pursuant to the Merrill Zoning Code Chapter 113, Section 113-100 for the purpose of a church occupancy at the following described property:

Lt 1 BLK 1 TB Scott LBR Co 3rd Add'n, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, Pin # 251-3106-123-0297, Commonly known as 925 E. Main Street herein referred to as the "Premises"; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission scheduled a hearing on the application on April 7, 2022, due public notice having been given and opportunity given to those interested to speak on the application; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has reviewed the Application, found that it does meet the requirements of Merrill Zoning Code, Chapter 113, Section 113-100, and has recommended approval of said application;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 12th day of April, 2022, that a conditional use permit shall be issued to Johanna & James Doyle d/b/a The Gathering Table for the purpose of a church occupancy on the aforesaid described premises.

Motion (Hass/Blake) to adopt the resolution for Condition Use Permit. Carried.

2. A Resolution honoring William N. Heideman for his long-time service to the City of Merrill (No. 2722)

WHEREAS, William N. Heideman served the City of Merrill as the City Clerk for almost 24 years, from May 1, 1998 to January 3, 2022; and,

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

WHEREAS, William N. Heideman has earned the admiration and respect of his fellow employees by the way in which he has carried out his duties; and

WHEREAS, William N. Heideman's skills and experience will be missed at City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 12th day of April, 2022, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service William N. Heideman has given the City of Merrill and commends him for those 24 years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of William N. Heideman congratulate him upon the occasion of his resignation from the City of Merrill, and extend our warmest wishes for his enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

Motion (Entire Common Council). Carried.

11. Mayor's Communications – Mayor Woellner commented on lessons learned during the past five years and thanked City of Merrill employees for their public service.

12. Motion (Rick/VanLieshout) to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Carried.