

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL/RDA Joint Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 MINUTES**

Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 5:15 p.m.

- I. Call to Order:** Mayor Hass called the joint meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following elected officials, department heads and residents were in attendance:

Common Council, Elected Officials, Department Heads: Alderperson Russell, Alderperson Caylor, Alderperson Blake (remote), Alderperson Fermanich, Alderperson Lupton, Alderperson Rick, Alderperson Weix, Alderperson Sabatke, Mayor Hass, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Attorney Hayden, Finance Director Unertl, Fire Chief Klug, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey.

RDA Committee: Tony Kusserow, Rebecca Rutkowski, Clyde Nelson (remote), Mark Bares and Jim Koppleman were excused

Others in attendance: Bill Bialecki, Brooke and Jordan Burton, Nathan Meyer from Merrill Productions

- II. Public Comment** – there was no public comment

- III. Closed Session:**
City Attorney Hayden read the closed session language.

Alderperson Rick made a motion to enter into closed session. Alderperson Weix seconded. The motion passed on a 12/0 voice vote. Common Council and RDA members were included in the vote.

City Clerk Anderson Malm took minutes without objection.

The Common Council and RDA members discussed the potential TID 8 development and negotiation of potential development incentives.

Following discussion Alderperson Rick made a motion to reconvene in open session. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

- IV. Reconvene in Open Session:**
The committee reconvened in open session at 5:40 PM.

Alderperson Lupton made a motion to grant \$35,000 for a development incentive to Brooke's Dance Studio for the move to and renovation of a vacant building on the west side. Alderperson Weix seconded. The motion carried on an 8/0 roll call vote with the Common Council voting.

- V. Adjournment** – Alderperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.

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