

CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, March 27, 2023 - MINUTES
Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 5:15 p.m.

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

Others present in person or remote: Mayor Hass, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Fire Chief Klug, Police Chief Bennett, Deputy Health Office Ashbeck and Nathan Meyer from Merrill Productions.

- I. Chair Weix called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. **Minutes from the February 27th, 2022 meeting:**
Alderperson Caylor motioned to place the minutes from February 27, 2022 meeting on file. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.
- III. **Nuisance Complaints & Vouchers:**
 1. **Nuisance Complaints** – Deputy Health Office Ashbeck 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. **Discuss and consider pool fills and potential rate increases**
Fire Chief Klug reported on pool fills which was included in the packet. He stated non-emergency services were being evaluated because of the administrative chief position that was not filled per budget constraints. There was discussion with the committee members and Chief Klug. After questions were answered, Alderperson Rick made a recommendation to forward this to the Personnel and Finance committee without recommendation from Health and Safety. Chair Weix seconded. The motion carried on a 2/1 voice vote.
 2. **Update and discussion regarding the retired ambulance from Tomahawk; using as a spare ambulance and the use of Merrill EMS for Lincoln County**
Chair Weix requested this agenda item and wanted the public be aware of EMS for Lincoln County and asked Fire Chief Klug to provide information.

Fire Chief Klug handed out additional information from a 2021 power point presentation regarding this topic. He also reported on the reserve ambulance. After further discussion, no action was taken.

V. **Monthly Reports:**

1. Monthly Report – Police Chief Bennett – Chair Weix asked Police Chief Bennett to discuss his monthly report first. Chief Bennett spoke on the Annual Report that was included in the packet. He answered questions regarding a few items in the report. He provided information regarding K-9 Dasty's recovery. Channel 7 was in the building filming today regarding Dasty. Chief Bennett said Dasty is in service again but will continue on medication for the next 7-9 months.
2. Monthly Report – Fire Chief Klug – His report was in the packet. He highlighted some items and answered questions.
3. Alderperson Rick motioned to place the monthly reports on file. Alderperson Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

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

The next meeting will be Monday, April 24 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 5:59 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori L Anderson-Malm City Clerk