



CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY MARCH 24, 2021

Special Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Remote	
Steve Hass	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Rick Blake	Aldersperson - Third District	Present	
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Present	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Mark Weix	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

II. Silent Prayer

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Comment Period

Bill Bialecki noted that the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director. He urged City officials to attend Chamber meetings. He also suggested that the Chamber could be an information resource as creation of a Marketing and Communications Committee continues.

V. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution supporting CMJ Investments, LLC, D/B/A "The Lofts at City Hall" application for Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) funds, for a renovation (Resolution #2679).

WHEREAS, CMJ Investments, LLC, d/b/a "The Lofts at City Hall", has purchased the "Old City Hall" located at 713 E 2nd St., and is engaged, among other things, in the business of renovating, updating, maintaining and managing the apartment building located at 713 E. 2nd Street, now known as the "The Lofts at City Hall" to provide workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that funds be procured for that project, including a grant applied by the City of Merrill for CMJ Investments, LLC, d/b/a/ "The Lofts at City Hall", through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC); and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to renovate, restore, and update the "The Lofts at City Hall" property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 24th day of March, 2021, that the City of Merrill hereby supports speedy approval of the grant application by the City of Merrill for CMJ Investments, LLC, d/b/a "The Lofts at City Hall", to the WEDC in furtherance of the renovation project to provide workforce housing, and further, wishes CMJ Investments, LLC, d/b/a "The Lofts at City Hall", the best of luck in their endeavor, and further urges WEDC to expeditiously handle the loan application, approval, and related matters

Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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VI. Other Common Council Action(s):

1. Consider Development Agreement by and between the City and CMJ Investments, LLC.

Clerk's Note: This consideration of the Development Agreement was not on the meeting agenda.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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VII. Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:16 P.M.