

**CITY OF MERRILL
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2023 - MINUTES**

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

Members Present: Mayor Hass, Alderpersons Sabatke, Lupton and Rick

Others Present: City Attorney Hayden, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey, Street Superintendent Bonack, Utility Superintendent Steinagel, Street & Weed Commissioner Liberty, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Alderperson Weix, Dave Schumitsch from Merrill Gravel & Construction Co. and Merrill Productions.

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel was excused

- I. **Call to Order** - Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. **Consider approval of meeting minutes from January 25, 2023**
A motion to approve the January 25th minutes was made by Alderperson Rick. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Lupton and was carried.
- III. **Water and Sewer Agenda Items:**
 1. **Water and Sewer Vouchers**
Alderperson Lupton motioned to place the Water and Sewer vouchers on file. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.
 2. **Water and Sewer Operation Monthly Report – Steinagel**
Utility Superintendent Steinagel highlighted some items on his report.
- IV. **Street Department Agenda Items:**
 1. **Street Department Vouchers**
Alderperson Rick made a motion to approve the Street Department vouchers. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.
 2. **Discussion and consideration on proposed cart fee update**
Street Superintendent Bonack spoke about the updates for the Ordinance regarding recycling/garbage carts left on boulevards.

Mayor Hass made a motion to accept the proposed cart fee update and send to the Common Council. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.
 3. **Discussion and consideration on the West Side bus stop concern**
Street & Weed Commissioner Liberty spoke on the reason for the bus stop. Police Chief Bennett will monitor the area. It was recommended this item be brought back to the April meeting to review.

4. Consider 2023 Micro Surfacing bids

Street Superintendent Bonack discussed the bids received for Micro Surfacing. He recommended the bid be awarded to Struck and Irwin Paving, Inc.

Alderson Rick made a motion to accept the bid for micro surfacing to Struck and Irwin Paving. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

5. Discuss and consider bids for the following projects:

a. Webster Street paving – Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey discussed the bids for the Webster Street paving project. Alderson Sabatke questioned where the funds are coming from for these projects.

Alderson Lupton made a motion to accept the bid from Northeast Asphalt, Inc. for the Webster Street paving. Alderson Rick seconded for discussion. After further discussion the motion passed on a 3-1 vote. Alderson Sabatke voted no.

b. E 10th Street reconstruction – PWDCE Akey discussed the bids for this project. Alderson Sabatke spoke about budget concerns for these projects and stated he will vote accordingly. PWDCE Akey stated he cannot estimate bids due to inflation and the bids came in 21% higher than last year.

Alderson Lupton made a motion to accept the bid from Merrill Gravel Construction for \$685,326.75 for the E 10th Street reconstruction. Alderson Rick seconded. The motion carried on a 3-1 vote. Alderson Sabatke voted no.

c. O'day Street reconstruction – PWDCE Akey explained the estimates for this project. Dave from Merrill Gravel was asked to speak regarding the bids. He explained there was a 20% increase from last year. Suppliers are quoting the list price and not holding prices. He also stated these prices will not decrease.

Alderson Sabatke stated his concern with budget constraints for these projects. Alderson Sabatke made a motion to disapprove this project due to budget constraints. The motion died for lack of a second.

Alderson Lupton made a motion to accept the bid of \$506,039.13 from Merrill Gravel Construction for the O'day Street reconstruction. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried on a 3-1 vote. Alderson Sabatke voted no.

V. Monthly Reports:

Monthly Report – Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel – he was excused from the meeting. His report was included in the packet.

Monthly Report – Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey – The report was included in the packet. Items were highlighted. There were no additional questions.

Monthly Report – Street Superintendent Bonack – his report was in the packet. Items were highlighted. There were no additional questions.

Monthly Report – Street & Weed Commissioner Liberty – his report was in the agenda packet. He stated there is cleanup ongoing from last week's snow storm.

Aldersperson Lupton made a motion to place all monthly reports on file. Aldersperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

VI. Determine date and time of next meeting:

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 29 at 5:15 PM

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VIII. Adjournment

Aldersperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Aldersperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Prepared by: Lori L Anderson-Malm - City Clerk