

CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 - MINUTES

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Alderpersons Paul Russell, Steve Hass, and Mark Weix,

Others Present: Alderperson Rick Blake, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk Kathy Unertl (remote), IT Manager Dustin Brown, and Merrill Productions video operator

1. Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. COVID-19 Reports through February 16, 2022 from Lincoln County Health Department were in the agenda packet.
3. Review and discussion of Health & Safety Committee including potential Physician involvement

Russell and Weix reported that COVID-19, Chloride in drinking water, and PFAS in water were examples of recent issues potentially impacting on public health.

Although there is a Lincoln County Health Department which covers the City of Merrill and assistance from Deputy City Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Committee members are questioning if additional medical resource(s) should be available.

Committee consensus to invite Dr. Greg Gill to the next Health & Safety Committee meeting.

4. Nuisance Complaints & Vouchers:
 1. Nuisance Complaints were in the agenda packet. Ashbeck provided update on status.
 2. Vouchers – Motion (Hass/Weix) to approve. Carried.
5. Monthly Reports:
 1. Minutes from January 24th - Motion (Weix/Hass) to approve. Carried.

Reports were in the agenda packet and briefly highlighted from the following:

2. Monthly Reports – Fire Chief Klug
3. Monthly Reports – Police Chief Bennett

4. Monthly Reports – Lincoln County Humane Society for January will be included with next Health & Safety Committee agenda packet.
5. Consider placing monthly reports on file – Motion (Hass/Weix) to place on file. Carried.
6. Next meeting on Monday, March 28th at 5:15 p.m.
7. Public Comment Period – none from general public.

Russell as adult walking kid to and from Washington School commended Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS), City of Merrill crossing guards, and Merrill Police Department for the efforts for safety.

8. Motion (Weix/Hass) to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. Carried.

Minutes prepared by: Kathy Unertl, Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk