



CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

MINUTES • MONDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Excused	
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	Excused	
Dave Sukow	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Tim Meehean	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

2. Invocation by Paul Hohman, New Testament Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Public Comment Period

None.

6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):

1. Minutes of January 8, 2019 meeting

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):

1. Revenue and Expense Reports for periods ending December 31, 2018 and January 31, 2019

Because Finance Director Unertl was not at the meeting, Mayor Woellner requested that consideration of the Revenue and Expense Reports be delayed until the March Common Council meeting. Without objection, it was so ordered.

8. Communications & Petitions:

1. Consider recommendation from City Clerk Heideman to relocate polling places for Aldermanic District 3 and Aldermanic District 6, from the T.B. Scott Free Library to the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (Smith Center) for the April 2nd, 2019 election only. This recommendation is based on the fact that, on April 2nd, the library will be undergoing repairs as the result of a recent water damage incident.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve the recommendation. Motion failed.

Motion (Norton/Blake) to designate the City Hall Common Council Chambers as the polling location for Aldermanic District #3 and Aldermanic District #6 for the April 2, 2019 Spring Election. Carried.

9. Health and Safety Committee:

1. Application from Rotary Club of Merrill for a temporary Class "B" (picnic) license to sell fermented malt beverages and wine in the Bierman Building (Merrill Festival Grounds), 303 North Sales Street, on Saturday, March 16, 2019, in conjunction with a Bell Tower St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. Alderman Sukow is bringing this application directly to the Common Council.

Motion (Hass/Sukow) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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10. Placing Committee Reports on File:

1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Board of Public Works, Committee of the Whole, Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Redevelopment Authority, Transit Commission and Water & Sewage Disposal Committee.

Motion (Meehean/Norton) to place on file.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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11. Mayor's Appointments:

1. Emily Weix to the Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, term to expire May 1, 2019

Motion (Hass/Norton) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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12. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 38, Article III, Division 2, Section 38-152 – related to Septic/Holding Tank and Leachate Rates.

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading.

Motion (Osness/Norton) to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Carried.

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Rob Norton, Alderperson - Seventh District
SECONDER:	Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District
AYES:	Hass, Blake, Osness, Sukow, Norton, Meehean
EXCUSED:	Russell, Van Lieshout

13. Resolutions:

1. A Final Resolution of intent to exercise Special Assessment Powers by Police Power under Section 66.0703 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin held a Public Hearing in the City Hall, Merrill, Wisconsin, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the matters contained in the preliminary resolution of the City of Merrill, of its intent to exercise special assessment powers pursuant to Police Power under Sec. 66.07 Wis. Stats., all as set forth below, and the reports of the City Building Inspector/Zoning Department mentioned therein on the following proposed projects and other matters, to-wit:

Preliminary Resolution of December 11, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto, on which a hearing was held on the 23th day of January, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 12th day of February, 2019, to complete the following public works projects in the City of Merrill:

1. Sidewalk inspection pursuant to sidewalk inspection program. Sidewalk maintenance area is generally confined to the south half of District 5, from West 4th Street south:
 - a) Isolated sidewalk repairs requested or needed.
 - b) Driveway approaches requested or needed.
 - c) Curb and gutter requested or needed.
 - d) New sidewalk extensions as requested and/or approved by Board of Public Works.
2. Reconstruction of N Poplar Street from East 2nd Street north to East 4th Street involving:
 - a) Replacement and upgrade of existing storm sewer
 - b) Curb and gutter and pavement replacement
 - c) Limited sidewalk replacement associated with curb and gutter replacements.
3. Reconstruction of N Court Street from East 2nd Street north to East 5th Street involving:
 - a) Replacement of water main and laterals.
 - b) Replacement of sewer main and laterals.
 - c) Replacement and upgrade of existing storm sewer

- d) Curb and gutter and pavement replacement
 - e) Limited sidewalk replacement associated with curb and gutter replacements.
4. Reconstruction of N Cleveland Street from East 4th Street north to East 6th Street involving:
- a) Replacement of water main and laterals.
 - b) Replacement of sewer main and laterals.
 - c) Replacement and upgrade of existing storm sewer
 - d) Curb and gutter and pavement replacement
 - e) Limited sidewalk replacement associated with curb and gutter replacements.
5. Paving of Alley, the 200 block between N. Center Ave. and N. Park Street involving:
- a) Grading existing alley
 - b) Asphalt paving

Said public improvements shall include, where appropriate:

- 1. The grading of said street.
- 2. The surfacing of said street with asphalt.
- 3. The installation of curb and gutter on said street.
- 4. The installation, removal or replacement of sidewalk, driveway and curb and gutter on said street.
- 5. The installation of water main and water laterals on said street.
- 6. The installation of sanitary sewer and sewer laterals on said street.
- 7. The installation of storm sewer on said street.
- 8. The necessary landscaping on said street.
- 9. All improvements shall be completed to plans and specifications prepared or approved by the Public Works Director and recorded in the office of the Public Works Director/City Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin,

- 1. That the reports of the City Public Works Director/City Engineer or City Building Inspector pertaining to construction of said improvements, including the plans and specifications are hereby adopted and approved.
- 2. That the Board of Public Works shall cause the improvements to be made by City employees or it may advertise and let any part or all of the same out on bids.
- 3. That payment for said improvements be made by assessing the costs to the property benefited as indicated in said report, as an exercise of the Police Power.

4. Those benefits shown on the reports are true and correct, having been determined on a reasonable basis and are hereby confirmed.
5. That the assessments for all projects included in said reports are hereby combined as a single assessment but any interested property owner shall be entitled to object to each assessment separately or any assessment jointly for any purpose or purposes.
6. The assessment against any parcel may be paid in cash not later than November 1 of the year such improvements are made, or in installments as provided by City Ordinance, and if not so paid, shall be extended upon the tax roll as a delinquent tax against said parcel and all proceedings in relation to the collection, return and sale of property for the delinquent real estate taxes shall apply to such assessment except otherwise provided by Statute.
7. The City Clerk is directed to publish this resolution as a Class 1 notice in the official newspaper.
8. The Clerk is further directed to mail a copy of this resolution and a statement of the final assessment against the property to every property owner whose name appears on the assessment roll whose post office address is known or who can with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

Motion (Hass/Norton) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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14. Mayor's Communications

Mayor Woellner thanked everyone who has been working hard to address weather-related issues this winter.

15. Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Osness) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:27 P.M.