

City of Merrill
Historic Preservation Committee
Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street

Voting Members Present: Chairman Paul Russell, Alderman Steve Sabatke, Michael Caylor, Elizabeth McCrank
Absent: Bea Lebal.

Others meeting attendees (either in-person or remotely) included: Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, City Attorney Hayden, Alderman Hass, Rob Moore, Dustin Brown

Call to Order

Chairman Paul Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting(s)

Motion to approve November 10, 2021 minutes Mr. Sabatke, second Ms. McCrank, carried.

3. Discussion on media release supplied by Mr. Caylor. Mr. Sabatke questioned the nomination fee. Ordinance explained by ZA Pagel. Contractor list has not been established, discussed possible solicitation of interested Contractors.
4. All members present submitted nominees for honorary street names. It was clarified these are honorary and will not change the current street name. A discussion on what the sign would look like, may want to include whatever City logo is established by the Marketing Committee. Mr. Caylor will be compiling and be putting together ballots for voting on at next meeting.
5. Mr. Sabatke and Ms. McCrank have been working with Rob Moore who has digitized the entire 1992 Survey to make it usable to the public. There was some discussion on where this should be made available and how it will be controlled. Dustin Brown will be heavily involved in those decisions.
6. This item ties back in with item #5. Mr. Sabatke reported he is in contact with Mr. Iwen, High School history class teacher. The hope is to combine efforts to coordinate what the class is doing along with the Committee. The thought is to establish a sub-committee and report back to the main committee.
7. ZA Pagel answered questions about the exterior maintenance report.
8. Discussion on the status of the American Legion Building. ZA Pagel reported that the Park and Rec Commission is retaining it as part of the Park System and does not want it on the Historic List. After some discussion, Ms. McCrank said she wanted to pursue a nomination of the building, Mr. Sabatke agreed. ZA Pagel reiterated that there is a process under the ordinance that needs to be followed, once complete, it will be put on the agenda.
9. No public comment

10. Next meeting date, March 16, 2022, 6:00 pm
11. Motion to adjourn Mr. Caylor, second Mr. Sabatke, carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm

Darin Pagel, Recording Secretary.