

CITY OF MERRILL
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Monday, December 6, 2021 • 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – City Hall • 1004 E. First St., Merrill, WI

Members Present: Paul Russell (Chairman), Nicole Johnson (Secretary), Don Heyel, Lisa Gervais and Norm Hanson
Members Absent:
Others Present: Police Chief Bennett and City Administrator Dave Johnson

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 4:58 p.m.

II. Public Comment Period:

No public comments.

Chief Bennett gave an update on the vacancies of the dept as well as other upcoming retirements or possible vacancies. There are currently two spots to fill and a possible third spot soon. Approval in process needed to move forward with applicants that have begun hiring process and interviews.

III. Closed Session(s): Convened at 5:11 p.m.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c), moved (Heyel/Russell) that the Commission go into closed session “to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Commission has jurisdiction of exercises responsibility. *Carried.*

IV. Reconvene in Open Session: Reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

The committee may reconvene in open session to recommend the new Fire Department Chief. Motion to move to open session (Hanson/Gervais). *Carried.*

Motion made to approve the four applicants in the hiring process brought fourth by Chief Bennett for consideration, pending their qualifications and testing requirements met (Russell/Heyel): Carried by vote 5/5, *motion carried.*

V. Adjournment:

Moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. (Johnson/Hanson). *Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Johnson
Secretary
Merrill Police and Fire Commission