



CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

MINUTES • TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Remote	
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	Present	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Mark Weix	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Remote	

2. Invocation by Rev. Michael Southcombe, St. Stephens United Church of Christ

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Public Comment Period

Roger Drewek requested that that the resolution honoring him not be read. He also shared his observations on the relationship between City employees and management.

Mike Ravn stated that he was pleased that the Committee of the Whole was reviewing and discussing the City Strategic Plan. He supports the creation of a new committee that would focus on marketing. He proposed that the mayor establish a task force on City government structure. In his opinion, the proposed government structure changes are not minor tweaks.

Lee Opsahl agreed with Mike Ravn's comment that Mayor Woellner's proposed administrative changes are not minor tweaks. He supports the vision to develop a new industrial park.

Arnie Lange made comments related to a recent garage demolition and then made additional comments on City demolition policies and procedures.

Alderman Sabatke reported that he will be requesting that a future Board of Public Works meeting agenda will include a resolution calling for a moratorium on City demolitions

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

1. Minutes of January 12, 2021 meeting

Motion (Osness/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
1. Revenue & Expense Reports for periods ending December 31, 2020 and January 31, 2021
- Motion (Hass/Russell) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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8. General agenda items:
1. Employee Years of Service Recognition:
Faith E. Martinson, 20 years (Library)
City Clerk Heideman read a certificate of recognition for Faith Martinson.
9. Board of Public Works:
1. Consider automated side loader proposals. The Board of Public Works recommends approving the proposal of \$526,108 from Envirotech for two New Way/Sidewinder trucks.
Motion (Van Lieshout/Blake) to approve the proposal from Envirotech.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [7 TO 1]
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix
NAYS:	Sabatke

10. Health and Safety Committee:
1. Change of Agent application from Applegreen Midwest, LLC, naming Sheri R. Myers the Agent for Express Lane #2328, 702 North Center Avenue. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.
Motion (Russell/Hass) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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2. Consider application from CR & KM Enterprise, LLC, for a Class "B" (beer) and a "Class B" (liquor) license for 1-900, 2501 West Main Street, effective February 10, 2021. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.
Motion (Osness/Blake) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Placing Committee Reports on File:

1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Board of Public Works, Joint Review Board, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, Redevelopment Authority and Water and Sewage Disposal Committee.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Rick) to place on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

12. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-155, to allow two non-residents to be appointed to and serve on the Merrill Area Housing Authority.

City Attorney Hayden noted that, at the January 12th, 2021 Common Council meeting, this ordinance was introduced and given three readings.

Motion (Blake/Russell) to amend the proposed ordinance by inserting language that would require all non-resident members of the Housing Authority to be residents of Lincoln County.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Rick) to refer to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion to refer carried.

2. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-214, to extend the due date for sand and grease trap maintenance reports (Ordinance #2021-01).

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading by synopsis.

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

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District
SECONDER:	Mike Rick, Alderperson - Sixth District
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke

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 (Resolution #2669).

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 8, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto, on which a hearing was held on the 27th day of January, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of February, 2021, to complete the following public works projects in the City of Merrill:

- A. The Common Council hereby declares its intention to exercise its power under Section 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes, to levy special assessments under the police power upon all properties abutting the following improvements in the City of Merrill, Wisconsin:
 1. Sidewalk inspection pursuant to sidewalk inspection program. Sidewalk maintenance area is city wide as deemed most needed:
 - 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 North 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 North 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
 - c) Limited sidewalk replacement associated with curb and gutter replacements.
- B. 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/Weix) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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2. A Resolution approving an amendment to the Project Plan of Tax Increment District No. 4 (Resolution #2670).

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill (the "City") has determined that use of Tax Incremental Financing is required to promote development and redevelopment within the City; and

WHEREAS, Tax Incremental District No. 4 (the "District") was created by the City on September 11, 2007 as a mixed-use district; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend the Project Plan of the District (the "Amendment") in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105 (the "Tax Increment Law"); and

WHEREAS, such Amendment will:

- a. Allow excess revenue to be transferred to Tax Incremental District's No. 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 (the "Recipient District's") as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(6)(f)2.
- b. Amend the categories, locations or costs of project costs to be made as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1005(4)(h)1.

WHEREAS, an amended Project Plan for the District has been prepared that includes:

- a. A statement listing of the kind, number and location of all proposed public works or improvements within the District, or to the extent provided in Wisconsin Statutes Sections 66.1105(2)(f)1.k. and 66.1105(2)(f)1.n., outside of the District;
- b. An economic feasibility study;
- c. A detailed list of estimated project costs;
- d. A description of the methods of financing all estimated project costs and the time when the related costs or monetary obligations are to be incurred;
- e. A map showing existing uses and conditions of real property in the District;
- f. A map showing proposed improvements and uses in the District;
- g. Proposed changes of zoning ordinances, master plan, map, building codes and City ordinances;
- h. A list of estimated non-project costs;
- i. A statement of the proposed plan for relocation of any persons to be displaced;
- j. A statement indicating how the amendment of the District promotes the orderly development of the City;
- k. An opinion of the City Attorney or of an attorney retained by the City advising that the Project Plan is complete and complies with Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(4)(f).; and

WHEREAS, prior to its publication, a copy of the notice of public hearing was sent to the chief executive officers of Lincoln County, the Merrill Area School District, and the Northcentral Technical College District, and any other entities having the power to levy taxes on property located within the District, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law, the Redevelopment Authority, on January 19, 2021 held a public hearing concerning the proposed amendment to the Project Plan of the District, providing interested parties a reasonable opportunity to express their views thereon; and

WHEREAS, after said public hearing, the Redevelopment Authority adopted the Project Plan, and recommended to the Common Council that it amend the Project Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Merrill that:

1. The boundaries of the District named "Tax Incremental District No. 4, City of Merrill" remain unchanged.
2. That this Amendment is effective as of the date of adoption of this resolution.
3. The Common Council finds and declares that:
 - (a) The improvement of such area is likely to enhance significantly the value of substantially all of the other real property in the District.
 - (b) The City estimates that less than 35% of the territory within the District will be devoted to retail business at the end of the District's maximum expenditure period, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(5)(b).
 - (c) The project costs relate directly to promoting mixed-use development in the District consistent with the purpose for which the District is created.
 - (d) Lands proposed for newly platted residential development comprise no more than 35% of the real property area within the District.
 - (e) Costs related to newly-platted residential development may be incurred based on the proposed development having a density of at least three (3) units per acre as defined in Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(2)(f)3.a.
 - (f) Under the amended Project Plan, excess tax increments will be transferred to the Recipient District.
 - (g) The District and the Recipient District lie within the same overlapping taxing jurisdictions.
 - (h) The District has sufficient revenue to pay for all current Project Costs and has sufficient excess revenue to pay for eligible project costs of the Recipient District.
 - (i) The Recipient Districts are blighted area district's (Tax Incremental District's No. 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10) which qualifies them as an eligible recipient of excess revenue.
4. The Project Plan for "Tax Incremental District No. 4, City of Merrill" (see Exhibit A), as amended, is approved, and the City further finds the Project Plan is feasible and in conformity with the master plan of the City.

Motion (Blake/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [6 TO 2]
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix
NAYS:	Osness, Sabatke

3. A Resolution approving an amendment to the Project Plan of Tax Increment District No. 11 (Resolution #2671).

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill (the "City") has determined that use of Tax Incremental Financing is required to promote development and redevelopment within the City; and

WHEREAS, Tax Incremental District No. 11 (the "District") was created by the City on May 10, 2016 as a mixed-use district and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend the Project Plan of the District (the "Amendment") in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105 (the "Tax Increment Law"); and

WHEREAS, such Amendment will:

- a. Amend the categories, locations or costs of project costs to be made as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1005(4)(h)1.

WHEREAS, an amended Project Plan for the District has been prepared that includes:

- a. A statement listing of the kind, number and location of all proposed public works or improvements within the District, or to the extent provided in Wisconsin Statutes Sections 66.1105(2)(f)1.k. and 66.1105(2)(f)1.n., outside of the District;
- b. An economic feasibility study;
- c. A detailed list of estimated project costs;
- d. A description of the methods of financing all estimated project costs and the time when the related costs or monetary obligations are to be incurred;
- e. A map showing existing uses and conditions of real property in the District;
- f. A map showing proposed improvements and uses in the District;
- g. Proposed changes of zoning ordinances, master plan, map, building codes and City ordinances;
- h. A list of estimated non-project costs;
- i. A statement of the proposed plan for relocation of any persons to be displaced;
- j. A statement indicating how the amendment of the District promotes the orderly development of the City;
- k. An opinion of the City Attorney or of an attorney retained by the City advising that the Project Plan is complete and complies with Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(4)(f).; and

WHEREAS, prior to its publication, a copy of the notice of public hearing was sent to the chief executive officers of Lincoln County, the Merrill Area School District, and the Northcentral Technical College District, and any other entities having the power to levy taxes on property located within the District, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law, the Redevelopment Authority, on January 19, 2021 held a public hearing concerning the proposed amendment to the Project Plan of the District, providing interested parties a reasonable opportunity to express their views thereon; and

WHEREAS, after said public hearing, the Redevelopment Authority adopted the Project Plan, and recommended to the Common Council that it amend the Project Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Merrill that:

1. The boundaries of the District named "Tax Incremental District No. 11, City of Merrill" remain unchanged.
2. That this Amendment is effective as of the date of adoption of this resolution.
3. The Common Council finds and declares that:
 - (a) The improvement of such area is likely to enhance significantly the value of substantially all of the other real property in the District.
 - (b) The City estimates that less than 35% of the territory within the District will be devoted to retail business at the end of the District's maximum expenditure period, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(5)(b).
 - (c) The project costs relate directly to promoting mixed-use development in the District consistent with the purpose for which the District is created.
 - (d) Lands proposed for newly platted residential development comprise no more than 35% of the real property area within the District.
 - (e) Costs related to newly-platted residential development may be incurred based on the proposed development having a density of at least three (3) units per acre as defined in Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(2)(f)3.a.
4. The Project Plan for "Tax Incremental District No. 11, City of Merrill" (see Exhibit A), as amended, is approved, and the City further finds the Project Plan is feasible and in conformity with the master plan of the City.

Motion (Weix/Blake) to approve. Roll call vote resulted in a 4-4 tie. Voting No - Alderman Hass, Alderman Osness, Alderman Rick and Alderman Sabatke. Mayor Woeller broke the tie by voting Yes. Therefore, the resolution was approved.

4. A Resolution creating Tax Increment District No. 13, approving its Project Plan and establishing boundaries (Resolution #2672).

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill (the "City") has determined that use of Tax Incremental Financing is required to promote development and redevelopment within the City; and

WHEREAS, Tax Incremental District No. 13 (the "District") is proposed to be created by the City as an industrial district in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105 (the "Tax Increment Law"); and

WHEREAS, a Project Plan for the District has been prepared that includes:

- a. A statement listing of the kind, number and location of all proposed public works or improvements within the District, or to the extent provided in Wisconsin Statutes Sections 66.1105(2)(f)1.k. and 66.1105(2)(f)1.n., outside of the District;
- b. An economic feasibility study;
- c. A detailed list of estimated project costs;
- d. A description of the methods of financing all estimated project costs and the time when the related costs or monetary obligations are to be incurred;
- e. A map showing existing uses and conditions of real property in the District;
- f. A map showing proposed improvements and uses in the District;
- g. Proposed changes of zoning ordinances, master plan, map, building codes and City ordinances;
- h. A list of estimated non-project costs;
- i. A statement of the proposed plan for relocation of any persons to be displaced;
- j. A statement indicating how the District promotes the orderly development of the City;
- k. An opinion of the City Attorney or of an attorney retained by the City advising that the plan is complete and complies with Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(4)(f).; and

WHEREAS, prior to its publication, a copy of the notice of public hearing was sent to the chief executive officers of Lincoln County, the Merrill Area School District, and the Northcentral Technical College District, and any other entities having the power to levy taxes on property located within the District, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures specified in the Tax Increment Law, the Redevelopment Authority, on January 19, 2021 held a public hearing concerning the project plan and boundaries and proposed creation of the District, providing interested parties a reasonable opportunity to express their views thereon; and

WHEREAS, after said public hearing, the Redevelopment Authority designated the boundaries of the District, adopted the Project Plan, and recommended to the Common Council that it create such District and approve the Project Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Merrill that:

1. The boundaries of the District that shall be named "Tax Incremental District No. 13, City of Merrill", are hereby established as specified in Exhibit A of this Resolution.
2. The District is created effective as of January 1, 2021.
3. The Common Council finds and declares that:
 - (a) Not less than 50% by area of the real property within the District is suitable for industrial sites within the meaning of Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1101 and has been zoned for industrial use.

- (b) Based upon the finding stated in 3.a. above, the District is declared to be an industrial district based on the identification and classification of the property included within the District.
 - (c) The improvement of such area is likely to enhance significantly the value of substantially all of the other real property in the District.
 - (d) The equalized value of the taxable property in the District plus the value increment of all other existing tax incremental districts within the City, does not exceed 12% of the total equalized value of taxable property within the City.
 - (e) That for those parcels to be included within the District that were annexed by the City within the three-year period preceding adoption of this Resolution, the City pledges to pay the Town of Merrill an amount equal to the property taxes the town last levied on the territory for each of the next five years.
 - (f) The City estimates that none of the territory within the District will be devoted to retail business at the end of the District's maximum expenditure period, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(5)(b).
 - (g) The project costs relate directly to promoting industrial development in the District consistent with the purpose for which the District is created.
 - (h) Any real property within the District that is found suitable for industrial sites and is zoned for industrial use will remain zoned for industrial use for the life of the District.
4. The Project Plan for "Tax Incremental District No. 13, City of Merrill" (see Exhibit B) is approved, and the City further finds the Plan is feasible and in conformity with the master plan of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, in such form as may be prescribed, for a "Determination of Tax Incremental Base", as of January 1, 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(5)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 66.1105(5)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes that the City Assessor is hereby authorized and directed to identify upon the assessment roll returned and examined under Wisconsin Statutes Section 70.45, those parcels of property which are within the District, specifying thereon the name of the said District, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make similar notations on the tax roll made under Section 70.65 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion (Blake/Weix) to approve. Roll call vote resulted in a 4-4 tie. Voting No - Alderman Hass, Alderman Osness, Alderman Rick and Alderman Sabatke. Mayor Woeller broke the tie by voting Yes. Therefore, the resolution was approved.

5. A Resolution authorizing a Development Agreement by and between the City, Denyon Homes Inc. and Ryan Ott Development and Construction, LLC (Resolution #2673).

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Merrill created Tax Increment District (TID) No. 11 on May 10, 2016 and the development site is within TID No. 11; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Merrill authorized Phase 1 construction of three single-family homes on West St. Paul Street on September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Denyon Homes Inc. and Ryan Ott Development and Construction, LLC has proposed construction of up to ten additional new single-family homes through a phased construction timeframe; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill finds that the proposed development and the fulfillment of the items and conditions of the attached Development Agreement are in the vital and best interest of the City of Merrill, the Merrill Redevelopment Authority and City residents and serves a public purpose in accordance with State law; and,

WHEREAS, additional property tax will be generated and new residential homes created from this development project; and,

WHEREAS, Denyon Homes Inc. and Ryan Ott Development and Construction, LLC negotiated the development agreement to provide for transfer of property ownership of ten lots of the Champagne Park Plat and an incentive payment not to exceed \$100,000 to facilitate Phase 2 of the single-family home development project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of February, 2021, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the development agreement by and between the City of Merrill and Denyon Homes Inc. and Ryan Ott Development and Construction, LLC and to facilitate the implementation thereof.

Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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6. A Resolution releasing an easement in the area of Highland Drive and Edgewater Drive (Resolution #2674).

WHEREAS, at the request of the City of Merrill, Riverside Land Surveying LLC has prepared CSM #2554 (see attached) to facilitate development in the area of Highland Drive and Edgewater Drive, and:

WHEREAS, a Public Right of Way easement measuring approximately 382' x 15' was previously recorded, as more particularly described in Volume 665, page 744 of Records, Document number 386336 (see attached), and;

WHEREAS, that easement is no longer required, necessary or advantageous for development of the area,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of February, 2021, that the easement above described is terminated, relinquished, withdrawn and is no longer in effect.

Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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7. A Resolution approving a Preliminary Plat for single family residential development at the intersection of Grand Avenue, Edgewater Drive and Rock Ridge Court (aka Plan of Rock Ridge Park) (Resolution #2675).

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill ("The Applicant") has applied for preliminary approval of a subdivision plat pursuant to Code of Ordinances Sec.111-114, 115 for land located in Lots One through Ten of Certified Survey Map No. 2802, recorded on page 16, in Volume 236 of Certified Surveys, as Document No. 546324, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Lincoln County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, The City Plan Commission considered the application at a hearing, duly noticed, and scheduled on February 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The City Plan Commission recommends approval of the preliminary plat subject to certain conditions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of February, 2021, that

The Common Council Adopts the City Plan Commissions findings and incorporates them into this resolution.

The proposed preliminary plat of Single Family Residential Development at the intersection of Grand Avenue, Edgewater Drive, and Rock Ridge Court, aka Plan of Rock Ridge Park presented by City of Merrill and prepared by Joshua Prentice for REI and involving a subdivision plat pursuant to Code of Ordinances Sec.111-114, 115 for land located in Lots One through Ten of Certified Survey Map No. 2802, recorded on page 16, in Volume 236 of Certified Surveys, as Document No. 546324, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Lincoln County, Wisconsin is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant, City of Merrill is directed to prepare the final plat in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 111 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Merrill and present the final plat for review by the City Plan Commission.

Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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8. A Resolution honoring Vincent L. Conrad for his long-term service to the City of Merrill (Resolution #2676).

WHEREAS, Vincent L. Conrad has served the City of Merrill Street Department for over 30 years, from August 22, 1990 to January 16, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by dedication to the best interests of our community, and the safety and well-being of our employees and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Vincent L. Conrad has earned the admiration and respect of his fellow employees by the way in which he has carried out his duties; and

WHEREAS, Vincent L. Conrad's skills and experience will be missed at the City of Merrill Street Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of February, 2021, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Vincent L. Conrad has given the City of Merrill Street Department and commends him for those 30 years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Vincent L. Conrad, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Merrill Street Department, and extend our warmest wishes for his enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

Motion (Common Council/Common Council) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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9. A Resolution honoring Roger J. Drewek for his long-term service to the City of Merrill.

WHEREAS, Roger J. Drewek has served the City of Merrill Street Department for over 22 years, from June 1, 1998 to January 4, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by dedication to the best interests of our community, and the safety and well-being of our employees and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Roger J. Drewek has earned the admiration and respect of his fellow employees by the way in which he has carried out his duties; and

WHEREAS, Roger J. Drewek's skills and experience will be missed at the City of Merrill Street Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of February, 2021, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Roger J. Drewek has given the City of Merrill Street Department and commends him for those 22 years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Roger J. Drewek, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Merrill Street Department, and extend our warmest wishes for his enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

Earlier in the meeting (Public Comment Period), Roger Drewek requested that this resolution not be read. Without objection, his request was granted.

10.A Resolution to honor the memory of Patsy Woller, former Mayor of Merrill (Resolution #2677).

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill was greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mayor Patsy Woller, an exemplary public servant and human being; and,

WHEREAS, Patsy Woller served as Mayor of the City of Merrill from 1992 until 1998, as well as Council President from 1988 until 1992, with the distinction of being the first woman elected to both positions; and,

WHEREAS, Patsy Woller did not limit her efforts to the City of Merrill, she also ran and served in Lincoln County government for 17 years; serving on countless committees and boards. She was also instrumental in advocating for the addition at the T.B. Scott Library, the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (M.A.R.C.), and co-founding a program that created flower gardens around the City; and,

WHEREAS, Patsy Woller was instrumental in fostering multiple businesses in the City of Merrill including The Grand Stand, the Merrill Courier, and Patsy's Candy Tree.

WHEREAS, Patsy Woller's cheerful manner, and spirit of true dedication to public service made her a beloved and respected figure throughout the City of Merrill;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of February, 2021, that the Common Council and the people of Merrill officially extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of Mayor Patsy Woller.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 3rd, 2021, her birthday, will be Patsy Woller Day in the City of Merrill, Wisconsin.

Motion (Common Council/Common Council) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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14. Mayor's Appointments:

1. Jeremy Cordova to the Housing Authority, term to expire November 10, 2024, replacing Linda Murray (resigned). This appointment is part of an amended agenda.

Because the ordinance related to the composition of the Housing Authority was not adopted, this appointment was not considered at this meeting.

2. Denise Ziech to the Transit Commission, term to expire May 1, 2022, replaced Gordon Geiger (resigned). This appointment is part of an amended agenda.

Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to approve this appointment.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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15. Mayor's Communications

Mayor Woellner reported that early voting for the February 16th Spring Primary Election is available at City Hall from February 8th to February 12th. There is only one office on the ballot for this election.

16. Adjournment

Motion (Van Lieshout/Rick) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.