



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA • TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2021

Regular Meeting

Bierman Building

6:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comment Period
6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):
 1. Minutes of December 8, 2020 meeting
7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
 1. December report will be considered at February Common Council meeting.
8. Vouchers referred to Common Council:
 1. Health and Safety Committee vouchers. On December 28th, 2020, the Health and Safety Committee referred these vouchers to either the next Health and Safety Committee meeting or the next Common Council meeting.
 2. Personnel and Finance Committee vouchers for November, 2020. On December 29th, 2020, the Personnel and Finance Committee referred these vouchers to the Common Council.
9. Committee of the Whole:
 1. Consider timetables for reopening City Hall and other City facilities. The Committee of the Whole recommends reopening all City facilities on Wednesday, January 13th. This recommendation is part of an amended agenda.
10. Health and Safety Committee:
 1. Consider application from Kim M. Klug for a Class "B" (beer) and a "Class B" liquor license for West Side Bar, 2501 West Main Street, effective January 13, 2021. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.
11. Personnel and Finance Committee:
 1. Consider writing off 2020 over-collected real estate tax bill (\$3,167.93) for Merrill Area Housing Authority (MAHA). The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approving the write-off.

2. Review of and potential recommendation(s) on hiring freeze implemented by the Common Council on May 13, 2020. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends extending the hiring freeze, and reviewing it at the July, 2021 Personnel and Finance Committee meeting. The Police Department, Fire Department and the T.B. Scott Free Library would continue to be exempt from the hiring freeze.
12. Water and Sewage Disposal Committee:
 1. Consider contracting with Trilogy, LLC for water utility rate assistance. The Water and Sewage Disposal Committee recommends approval.
 2. Consideration of 2021 Water & Sewage service charges. The Water and Sewage Disposal Committee recommends approval.
 3. Discussion on adding fluoride to referendum for April elections or next earliest election. The Water and Sewage Disposal Committee recommends preparing a referendum question on the potential removal of fluoride from City water, and including the question as part of the next election possible, in accordance with deadlines specified in Wisconsin State Statutes. A public hearing on this issue would also be scheduled as part of the process.
 13. Placing Committee Reports on File:
 1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Board of Public Works, City Plan Commission, Health & Safety Committee, Library Board, Personnel & Finance Committee, Police & Fire Commission, Redevelopment Authority, Transit Commission and Water & Sewage Disposal Committee.
 14. Ordinances:
 1. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-81, to prohibit Department Heads from submitting legislation, policies or related matters to multiple committees at the same time. Alderman Osness and Alderman Rick are bringing this ordinance directly to the Common Council.
 2. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-155, to allow two non-residents to be appointed to and serve on the Merrill Area Housing Authority. Alderman Blake is bringing this ordinance directly to the Common Council. The proposed ordinance is part of an amended agenda.
 15. Resolutions:
 1. A Resolution approving the elimination of the Public Fire Protection municipal charge and recovering all Public Fire Protection costs through direct customer charges.
 2. A Resolution approving a Final Plat of Champagne Park subdivision addition in the City of Merrill by the City of Merrill. The City Plan Commission recommends approval.

3. A Resolution authorizing participation in the WIWARN Mutual Aid and Assistance Program. The Water and Sewage Disposal Committee recommends approval.
4. A Resolution honoring Patrick R. Wunsch for his extended service and great contribution to the City of Merrill.
16. 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.
17. Mayor's Communications
18. Adjournment

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk

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