

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 MINUTES
Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.**

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following elected officials, department heads and residents were in attendance:

Elected Officials and Department Heads present: Mayor Hass, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Unertl, Fire Chief Klug, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek and Library Director Ollhoff.

Police Chief Bennett and Park & Recreation Director Wendorf were excused.

Others in attendance: Pastor Southcomb, Al Wix, Renea Fredrick, Gary Schwartz, Rachel Travis, Dale Bacher, Chantel Kuczmarski and Merrill Productions.

- II. **Invocation** by Pastor Mike Southcombe – St Stephens UCC

- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

- IV. **Roll Call** was taken and the following alderperson's were in attendance:

Paul Russell – First District	Present
Michael “Gus” Caylor – Second District	Present
Rick Blake – Third District	Present
LaDonna Fermanich – Fourth District	Present
Dick Lupton – Fifth District	Excused
Mike Rick - Sixth District	Remote
Mark Weix – Seventh District	Present
Steve Sabatke – Eighth District	Present

- V. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

- VI. **Minutes of previous Common Council meeting** – December 13, 2022
Aldersperson Russell made a motion to place the minutes from the December 13th, 2022 Common Council meeting on file. Aldersperson Weix seconded and the motion carried.

- VII. **Revenue & Expense Reports:**
The December revenue & expense reports will be provided with the February Common Council agenda packet.

- VIII. **Committee of the Whole:**
1. Potential action on Committee of the Whole matter relating to Airport property:
Mayor Hass asked for the motion from the Committee of the Whole meeting. Aldersperson Caylor motioned to approve the request for proposals (RFP) concept for the sale of a city owned building. Aldersperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

2. Potential action on Committee of the Whole matter relating to the Social Media Specialist agreement:

Alderson Blake motioned to approve the Social Media Specialist agreement. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion carried on a 7-1 voice vote.

IX. City Plan Commission:

1. Discuss and consider the request from the January 3rd City Plan meeting.

Alderson Caylor motioned to deny the conditional use permit. Alderson Rick seconded. Discussion occurred regarding denying the permit or referring it back to the City Plan Commission.

Alderson Russell motioned to refer the conditional use permit back to the City Plan Commission. Alderson Lupton seconded. The council was asked to vote on the second motion because it took precedence over the original motion. The motion carried on a 6-2 voice vote to refer the conditional use permit back to the City Plan Commission.

X. Marketing & Communications:

After a brief discussion regarding the revised tagline “Experience more to life”, Alderson Blake motioned to approve the revised tagline. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion carried on a 7-1 voice vote. It was stated the logo was already approved by the Common Council at the October meeting.

XI. Place Committee reports on file:

Alderson Russell motioned to place the following committee reports on file: TB Scott Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center, Transit Commission and Marketing & Communications Committee. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion carried.

XII. Mayor’s Communications:

Mayor Hass had the following communications:

Enrichment Center activities include: Chair Yoga is offered every Monday for a small fee, Funeral Planning on January 18th, a Mini Barn Quilt workshop will be on January 25th for a fee and Grief Support will be on January 26th

T.B. Scott Library activities include an art exhibit by Chase Davis for the months of January and February.

XIII. Adjournment

Alderson Rick motioned to adjourn. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L Anderson-Malm – City Clerk