



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA • TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

Reorganization	City Hall Council Chambers	6:00 PM
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To attend remotely call 530-414-9457 PIN 256 961 460 #

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call - for current Common Council

IV. Common Council Meeting Expectations

The City of Merrill respects the role of our elected officials. Alderpersons and Department Heads are committed to working collaboratively to provide our citizens with the best decision-making for our city's future. This meeting is a formal event and professional conduct is the expectation of all in attendance.

V. Public Comment

VI. Oath of Office for Alderpersons

VII. Roll Call for newly-elected Common Council

VIII. General Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Discussion and consideration regarding changing the time of Common Council meetings to 6:00 pm.

IX. Elections and Mayor's Appointments

1. Elect the Common Council President
2. Elect the Alderperson member of the City Plan Commission
3. Mayor's Appointments

X. Resolutions

1. A Resolution designating the official newspaper for the City of Merrill
2. A Resolution designating the official depositories and signers for the City of Merrill
3. A Resolution honoring Paul Russell - District 1 Alderperson
4. A Resolution honoring Dick Lupton - District 5 Alderperson
5. A Resolution honoring Steve Sabatke - District 8 Alderperson

XI. Mayor's Communications

XII. Adjournment

The Merrill City Hall is accessible to the physically disadvantaged. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the Merrill City Hall at (715) 536-5594.

Mayor's Appointments

Personnel and Finance

Aldersperson Michael Caylor Chairperson
Aldersperson LaDonna Fermanich
Aldersperson Nathan Meyer

Health and Safety

Aldersperson Mike Rick Chairperson
Aldersperson Mark Weix
Aldersperson Michael Caylor

Board of Public Works

Mayor Steve Hass Chairperson
Aldersperson Mike Rick
Aldersperson Rebecca Rutkowski
Aldersperson Andrew Caylor

Marketing and Communication

Aldersperson LaDonna Fermanich Chairperson
Aldersperson Nathan Meyer
Aldersperson Robert Lass

City Plan Commission

Reappoint Ralph Sturm Term expires 5-1-2027
Reappoint Robert Reimann Term expires 5-1-2027

Park and Recreation Commission

Reappoint Dan Novitch Chairperson term expires 5-1-2025
Steve Osness replacing Jean Ravn term expires 5-1-2029
Aldersperson Rebecca Rutkowski replacing Aldersperson Mark Weix
Eric Malm replacing Rebecca Rutkowski as the citizen member term expires 5-1-2028

Library Board

Reappoint Audrey Huftel term expires 5-1-2027
Appoint Barbara Rothisberg replacing Richard Mamer term expires 5-1-2027
Aldersperson Mark Weix

Zoning Board of Appeals

Reappoint Ron Burrows term expires 5-1-2027

Transit Commission

Reappoint Rick Blake term expires 5-1-2027
Reappoint Jill Weber term expires 5-1-2027
Sara Doerr Chairperson term expires 5-1-2026

Community Development Committee

Reappoint Pete Koblitz term expires 5-1-2027

Aldersperson Mark Weix

Historic Preservation Committee

Reappoint Alderman Mike Caylor Chairperson

Appoint Steve Sabatke replacing William Heideman term expire 5-1-2027

Aldersperson Andrew Caylor

Police and Fire Commission

Mark Bares replacing Lisa Gervais term expires 5-1-2029

Board of Review

Mayor Steve Hass Chairperson

City Clerk Lori Anderson Malm

Aldersperson Nathan Meyer

Aldersperson Rebecca Rutkowski

Aldersperson Andrew Caylor

President of the Council

Enrichment Center

Jay Tlusty term expires 5-1-2025

Carol Holz term expires 5-1-2025 replacing Sharon Anderson

Sharon Harvey term expires 5-1-2025

Gene Bebel term expires 5-1-2025 Laura Bertagnoli term expires 5-1-2025

Elizabeth McCrank replacing Teresa Baker term expires 5-1-2025

Aldersperson Mark Weix

Redevelopment Authority

Aldersperson LaDonna Fermanich

Pete Koblitz replacing Rebecca Rutkowski term expires 9-1-2027

Festival Grounds Committee

Mayor Steve Hass Chairperson

Aldersperson Mike Caylor

Aldersperson Robert Lass

Aldersperson Andrew Caylor

Tourism Commission

Aldersperson Mark Weix

Gary Schwartz term expires 5-1-2025

Sarah Gilbert DNR rep. term expires 5-1-2025

Sue Kunkel term expires 5-1-2025

Jeremy Ratliff term expires 5-1-2025

Airport Commission

Aldersperson Mark Weix

Housing Authority

Aldersperson Mark Weix

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF
MERRILL**

WHEREAS, Section 985.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the designation of an official newspaper for the printing of all the City's Official Business; and,

WHEREAS, the Merrill FotoNews has qualified for such designation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April, 2024, that the Merrill FotoNews of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, shall be and is hereby designated, until further action, as the official newspaper for the City of Merrill.

Recommended by: The Common
Council

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Moved: _____

Steve Hass
Mayor

Passed: _____

Lori Anderson-Malm
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF
MERRILL, WISCONSIN**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL,
WISCONSIN this 16th day of April, 2024, that the following financial institutions shall be
qualified as public depositories under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall
be and hereby are designated until further action as public depositories for all public
monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer for the City of Merrill, Lincoln County,
Wisconsin:

BMO Harris Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
Nicolet Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
incrediblebank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
Local Government Investment Pool, State of Wisconsin Department of
Administration
Merrill Community Bank – Branch of Tomahawk Community Bank, Merrill,
Lincoln County, Wisconsin
Park City Credit Union, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
Associated Bank, N.A., Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
Edward Jones, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

That the holders of the following positions with the City are authorized to sign or act on
behalf of the City (“Authorized Signers”):

Mayor
Finance Director

Recommended by: The Common
Council

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Moved: _____

Steve Hass
Mayor

Passed: _____

Lori Anderson-Malm
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION HONORING PAUL RUSSELL FOR HIS EXTENDED SERVICE AND
GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL**

WHEREAS, Paul Russell is retiring as First District Alderperson of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Russell has served as an alderperson for the City of Merrill since April 19, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Paul Russell has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Paul Russell's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Russell's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the Merrill City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April, 2024, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Paul Russell has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service.

Recommended by: Common Council

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Moved: _____

Steve J. Hass, Mayor

Passed: _____

Lori Anderson-Malm, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION HONORING DICK LUPTON FOR HIS EXTENDED SERVICE AND
GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL**

WHEREAS, Dick Lupton is retiring as Fifth District Alderperson of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, Dick Lupton has served as an alderperson for the City of Merrill since April 19, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Dick Lupton has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Dick Lupton's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, Dick Lupton's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the Merrill City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April, 2024, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Dick Lupton has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service.

Recommended by: Common Council

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Moved: _____

Steve J. Hass, Mayor

Passed: _____

Lori Anderson-Malm, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION HONORING STEVE SABATKE FOR HIS EXTENDED SERVICE
AND GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL**

WHEREAS, Steve Sabatke is retiring as Eighth District Alderperson of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, Steve Sabatke has served as an alderperson for the City of Merrill since July 26, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Steve Sabatke has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Steve Sabatke's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, Steve Sabatke's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the Merrill City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April, 2024, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Steve Sabatke has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service.

Recommended by: Common Council

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Moved: _____

Steve J. Hass, Mayor

Passed: _____

Lori Anderson-Malm, City Clerk