

**CITY OF MERRILL
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 8:00 AM**

- I. **Call to Order** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 8:00 am with the following present:
Present: Mayor Hass, Alderperson Fermanich, Bares, Hartwig, Koblitz
Present Not Voting: City Administrator/Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Finance Director Emily Ley, City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm, City Attorney Hayden, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Assistant City Engineer Novitch, Social Media Specialist Savall, Sarah Guild from Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation, Merrill Community Media
Excused: Clyde Nelson
Absent: Tony Kusserow
- II. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
 1. **June 5th meeting minutes** - Koblitz motioned to place minutes on file. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion passed.
- III. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.
- IV. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Financial Report and Update - Finance Director Ley** -
 - a. **June Revenue and Expense report** - Finance Director Ley presented the report and updated the committee. There were no additional questions.
 2. **Housing and Development Update - Finance Director Ley** - Finance Director Ley and City Administrator Akey updated the committee with housing and development updates and answered questions from the committee.
 3. **Residential Incentive Program Application - 111 E Riverside Ave (1/2 mile TID 8)** - Mayor Hass updated the committee. City Administrator Akey and Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel provided additional information to the committee. A lengthy discussion occurred between all parties present.
 4. **Update on a revised development agreement by and between the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, and Wendorf Construction LLC for residential development on Spruce St (TID 7)** - City Administrator Akey provided an update to the committee.
 5. **Update on 2024 projects** - City Administrator Akey provided additional information to the committee. He updated the committee and answered questions. The committee asked questions regarding residential incentives; discussion occurred between all parties present.

6. Strategic Plan update - City Administrator Akey - Additional information was provided to the committee. City Administrator Akey asked the committee to review the strategic plan and offer feedback.

7. Update from Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC) on activities - Sarah Guild, the new Executive Director, was introduced and provided information regarding her background and vision for the LCEDC. It was decided this would be a quarterly item on the agenda for updates.

V. Date and Time of Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 4 at 8:00 am

VI. Adjournment Bares motioned to adjourn. Hartwig seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Anderson-Malm.