

**CITY OF MERRILL
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
Present: Hanson, Malm, Bares
Present City Administrator Akey, Police Chief Bennett, Alderperson Lass
Excused: Nicole Johnson, Jeremy Thompson

- II. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
 1. **Minutes from the June 24th meeting.** - Bares motioned to approve the minutes. Malm seconded and the motion passed.

- III. **Closed Session**
 1. **The Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85 (1)(c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; to conduct a Police Officer candidate interview and possible promotion to the position of Captain.**
- Police Chief Bennett updated the commission on the Captain hiring process in progress.
Chair Hanson motioned to enter into closed session. Malm seconded and the motion passed. The commission entered into a closed session at 6:06 pm to conduct a police candidate interview.

- IV. **Reconvene in Open Session**
 1. **The Commission may reconvene in open session for possible action related to the closed session items.** - Malm motioned to reconvene in open session. Chair Hanson seconded and the motion passed. The commission went back into open session at 6:36 pm.
Bares motioned to recommend continuing the candidate process with Mr. Iribarren. Malm seconded and the motion passed.

- V. **Adjournment** Chair Hanson motioned to adjourn. Malm seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Minutes prepared by Mark Bares and published by City Clerk Anderson-Malm
Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting.