

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 PM**

I. Call to Order Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Hass, Alderperson A. Caylor, Alderperson M. Caylor, Alderperson Meyer, Alderperson Fermanich, Alderperson Lass, Alderperson Rick, Alderperson Weix Jr., Alderperson Rutkowski

Present Not Voting: City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Administrator Akey, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Facilities Maintenance Manager Brunett, Finance Director Ley, Fire Chief Klug, IT Manager Brown (remote), Library Director Ollhoff, Parks & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Transit Director Brummond, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Cameo Almli, Scott Steele, Aaron Svcek - MAPS

III. Public Comment There was no public comment.

IV. General Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Consider placing the minutes from the September 23rd meeting on file.

- Alderperson Rick motioned to place the minutes on file. Alderperson Rutkowski seconded and the motion passed.

2. 2025 Capital Budget - The revisions were reviewed from the September 23rd Committee of the Whole. Alderperson Fermanich motioned to leave the removal of Street Square basketball courts at \$5,000. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion passed on a 6/3 roll call vote. Alderperson's Weix, Rutkowski and Lass voted no.

3. General Fund Operating Budget 2025 -

a. General Fund - Finance Director Ley explained the budget handout and answered questions. All funds were not reviewed. It was decided these funds would be reviewed at the October 28th Committee of the Whole.

b. Other Funds -

1) Marketing Budget - Fund 26 - Without objection, this discussion was moved to the beginning of the meeting. Aaron from MAPS addressed the committee regarding Merrill Community Media Services and their proposed budget. Cameo Almli and Scott Steele addressed the committee regarding marketing. Following discussion, Alderperson M. Caylor motioned to approve the budget after reducing item C to \$5,000 from \$15,000. Making the proposed budget \$88,500. The motion was withdrawn. No action was taken.

2) **School Resource Officer - SRO - Fund 21** - This will be reviewed at the October 28th meeting.

3) **Fairgrounds - Fund 26** - This will be reviewed at the October 28th meeting.

V. **Adjournment** Alderperson Rick motioned to adjourn. Alderperson Rutkowski seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Minutes submitted by City Clerk Anderson-Malm

Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting