

**CITY OF MERRILL
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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
Present: Mayor Hass, Alderperson Fermanich, Tony Kusserow, Mark Bares, Gary Hartwig, Clyde Nelson (remote), Pete Koblitz
Present Not Voting: City Administrator/Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Emily Ley, City Attorney Hayden, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Deanne Wells, Sarah Guild LCDED, Merrill Community Media
- II. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting(s)**
 1. **Minutes from the October 2nd and October 16th meetings.** - Mark Bares motioned to approve the minutes. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion passed.
- III. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.
- IV. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Discussion and consideration of the September Revenue and Expense Report**
- Gary Hartwig motioned to approve. Pete Koblitz seconded and the motion passed.
 2. **Discuss 2025 Proposed TID budgets** - Finance Director Ley addressed the committee with the TID budgets and provided a summary. Finance Director Ley and City Administrator Akey answered all questions.
- V. **Date and Time of Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 pm. Regular December meeting, Wednesday, December 4th at 8:00 am.**
- VI. **Closed Session**
 1. **The RDA may convene in closed session per Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to: consider potential TID 7 development concept and negotiation of potential development incentives.** - Mayor Hass read the closed-session statement. In addition to the committee, the following were included in the closed session: City Attorney Hayden, City Administrator Akey, Finance Director Ley, Deanna Wells, Sarah Guild, Alderperson Meyer, and City Clerk Anderson-Malm, who recorded the minutes without objection. Alderperson Fermanich motioned to go into a closed session. Tony Kusserow seconded, and the motion passed on a 7/0

roll call vote. Tony Kusserow left the closed session at 8:33 am. The committee discussed a potential TID 7 development concept and the negotiation of potential development incentives. Deanna Wells approached the committee and gave a brief presentation. She was asked to leave the meeting for deliberation.

VII. Reconvene in Open Session

- 1. The RDA may reconvene in an open session regarding the closed session item.** - Alderperson Fermanich motioned to reconvene in open session. Pete Koblitz seconded and the motion passed. Deanna Wells was asked back to open session and the open session started at 8:48 am. Mayor Hass read the decision from the closed session. Mayor Hass motioned to provide \$15,000 in a TID incentive to A&W. Gary Hartwig seconded the motion and the motion passed on a 5/1 voice vote. Mark Bares voted no.

VIII. Adjournment Mark Bares motioned to adjourn. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

Minutes submitted by City Clerk Anderson-Malm

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