

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
Present: Mayor Hass, Alderperson A. Caylor, Alderperson M. Caylor, Alderperson Meyer, Alderperson Fermanich, Alderperson Lass, Alderperson Weix Jr., Alderperson Rutkowski
Present Not Voting: City Administrator Akey, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Ley, Library Director Ollhoff, Street Superintendent Bonack
Excused: Building Inspector/zoning Administrator Pagel, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Facilities Maintenance Manager Brunett, Fire Chief Klug, IT Manager Brown, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Transit Director Brummond, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel
Absent: Alderperson Mike Rick
- II. **Roll Call** Roll call was taken. 8 out of 9 were present.
- III. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.
- IV. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Consider placing the minutes from the October meetings on file.**
- Alderperson Weix motioned to place the minutes on file. Alderperson Meyer seconded and the motion passed.
 2. **Discuss heating issues at the Street Department.** - Street Superintendent Bonack addressed the committee regarding the heating issues at the Street Department. Additional information was distributed at the meeting. No action was taken by the committee.
 3. **Discuss options for the City Attorney position after City Attorney Hayden's retirement.** - City Administrator Akey discussed options with the committee. An RFP will be drafted for the committee to review at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.
 4. **Review and discuss Merrill's Strategic Plan - included in the packet for review before the meeting** - City Administrator Akey discussed the Strategic Plan. The committee will submit revisions or suggestions. The plan will be revised and returned to the committee for review.
- V. **Closed Session**
 1. **The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating on 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 discuss potential acquisition of real estate. - Mayor Hass read the closed session language. Alderperson M. Caylor motioned to go into closed session. Alderperson Meyer seconded. The motion passed on an 8/0 roll call vote. The committee entered into closed at 6:39 pm with the following present, in addition to the committee, City Attorney Akey, City Attorney Hayden, Finance Director Ley, City Clerk Anderson-Malm recorded the minutes without objection. The committee discussed the potential acquisition of real estate.

VI. Reconvene in Open Session

- 1. The Committee may reconvene in an open session for potential action on the closed session item.** - The committee did not reconvene in open session.

VII. Adjournment Alderperson Meyer motioned to adjourn. Alderperson Lass seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Minutes submitted by City Clerk Anderson-Malm

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