

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 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.
Present: D1 Alderperson A. Caylor, D2 Alderperson M. Caylor, D3 Alderperson Meyer, D4 Alderperson Fermanich, D5 Alderperson Holdorf (remote), D6 Alderperson Rick, D7 Alderperson Weix Jr., D8 Alderperson Rutkowski
Present Not Voting: City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Administrator Akey, Finance Director Ley, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Fire Chief Klug, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Transit Director Brummond (remote), Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Mike VanderGeest, Derek Hoff, Pastor Justin Smoot
- II. **Invocation - Pastor Justin Smoot - Our Saviors Lutheran Church**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Roll Call** Roll call was taken. 8 out of 8 were present/remote.
- V. **Common Council Meeting Expectations**
- VI. **Public Comment** No public comment.
- VII. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 1. **Consider placing the minutes from the July 8th meeting on file** - (D2 Alderperson M. Caylor/D6 Alderperson Rick) motion/second place minutes on file. The motion passed.
- VIII. **Revenue and Expense Reports**
 1. **July Expense Report** - (D6 Alderperson Rick/D3 Alderperson Meyer) motion/second approve. The motion passed.
- IX. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Employee Recognition:**
Nicole Cimino - 20 years - Police Department
Gabe Steinagel - 25 years - Merrill Utility - The employees were recognized for their long-standing service to the City. Gabe Steinagel received his certificate.
 2. **Discuss and consider a temporary "Class B" wine and Class "B" beer license for VFW Post 1638 on August 16th from 9:00 am - 12:00 am at the Merrill Fairgrounds in conjunction with Northern Wisconsin Dirt Track Races. This is being brought directly to the Common Council.** - (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second approve. The motion passed.
 3. **Discuss and consider a temporary Class "B" beer license for the Merrill Baseball Association from 8:00 am - 10:00 pm at the MARC (outside**

only), on August 23rd in conjunction with the High Low Carshow. This is being brought directly to the Common Council. - (D6 Alderperson Rick/D7 Alderperson Weix Jr.) motion/second approve. The motion passed.

4. **Discuss and consider a temporary Class "B" Beer license for VFW Post 1638 on September 1, 2025, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at the VFW beer stand at the Merrill Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Lion's Labor Day Car Show. This is being brought directly to Common Council.** - This license was revised to be the Eagles Club instead of the VFW. After reading the revised license without objection, (D2 Alderperson M. Caylor/D3 Alderperson Meyer) motion/second approve. The motion passed.

X. Board of Public Works

1. **Consider selling city property at 2200 Sturdevant St, 903 Grand Ave, 809 Grand Ave and 1905 Jackson St. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.** - (D1 Alderperson A. Caylor/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second approve. The motion passed.

XI. Health & Safety

1. **Consider a street use permit for Gesundheit Saloon, 1300 E Main St for September 6th from 2:30 pm - 12:30 am on Park Street from the alley to the corner in conjunction with an outside band and food truck event. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.** - (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D7 Alderperson Weix Jr.) motion/second approve. The motion passed.

XII. Personnel & Finance

1. **Consider the 2025 Budget Amendment #2. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.** - Finance Director Ley stated this is a quarterly thing to keep things up-to-date. (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.

XIII. Redevelopment Authority

1. **Consider the development agreement for city-owned vacant land to facilitate new commercial development in TID No. 9 at 401 Kyes Street. The Redevelopment Authority recommends approval.** - (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second approve. The motion passed.

XIV. Acknowledge Committee Reports

1. **Acknowledge the following monthly reports: Merrill Housing Authority, Library Board, Enrichment Center Fairgrounds Committee, Airport Commission, Historic Preservation, Marketing & Communications, Health & Safety, Transit Commission, Personnel & Finance, Board of Public Works, Redevelopment Authority.** -

XV. Mayor's Appointments

- 1. Consider reappointing Tony Kusserow to the Redevelopment Authority - term to expire September 2030.** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second approve. The motion passed.

XVI. Mayor's Communications Mayor Hass read the following communications:

We are starting budget talks. We will be having a Budget Committee of the Whole session on Tuesday, September 9th at 5:30 prior to the Common Council meeting, The City Band is having their final concert of the season on August 13th at Normal Park.

An outdoor movie in the park at Normal Park is August 15th.

Dir track racing at the Fairgrounds is Saturday, August 16th.

Gazebo Nights are Thursdays at Normal Park.

Community Night Out is at the Fairgrounds on August 19th - the Merrill buses will be available for transportation that night.

MAPS back to school bash is at the MARC on August 20th from 4pm - 8pm.

The High Low Car Show is at the MARC on August 23rd.

Reminder that school is starting soon; be mindful in and around school zones.

September 1st is Labor Day. The parade starts at 10:00 am, the car show follows at their Fairgrounds along with other activities at the Fairgrounds.

The city-wide garage sale is September 6th.

Make sure to look at the Merrill Enrichment Center newsletter for all the events.

We are very lucky to have this resource in Merrill.

XVII. Adjournment (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D7 Alderperson Weix Jr.) motion/second adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L Anderson-Malm - City Clerk

The minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting. Meeting minutes are available in the City Clerk's office and on the City of Merrill website. Complete Ordinances are available on the City of Merrill website. <https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us>