

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm
Present: Mayor Hass, D1 Alderperson A. Caylor, D2 Alderperson M. Caylor, D3 Alderperson Meyer, D4 Alderperson Fermanich, D6 Alderperson Rick, D7 Alderperson Weix Jr., D8 Alderperson Rutkowski
Present Not Voting: City Administrator Akey, Finance Director Ley, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Facilities Maintenance Manager Brunett, Information Technology Manager Brown, Library Director Ollhoff, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Transit Director Brummond (remote), Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Dave Graveen, Al Wix.
Excused: D5 Alderperson Landis Holdorf
- II. Roll Call** Roll call was taken with 8/9 present.
- III. Public Comment** There was no public comment.
- IV. General Agenda Items for Consideration**
- 1. Consider minutes from the August 26th and September 9th meetings.**
- (D2 Alderperson M. Caylor/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second to place minutes on file. The motion passed.
 - 2. Review and Discussion of 2026 Budget Requests:**
 - a. 2026 Capital Requests**
 - b. Water Utility Operating Budget**
 - c. Wastewater Utility Operating Budget**
 - d. Landfill Remediation Operating Budget**
 - e. Airport Fuel Fund Budget**
 - f. Debt Service**
 - g. Tax Increment Districts 3-14** - The 2026 Capital Requests were reviewed. Following discussion, (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D2 Alderperson M. Caylor) motion/second to remove the car 60 replacement from the budget requests. The motion carried on an 8/0 roll call vote.
Finance Director Ley reviewed the Water Utility Operating Budget, Wastewater Utility Operating Budget, Landfill Remediation Operating Budget, Airport Fuel Fund Budget, Debt Service, and Tax Increment Districts 3-14 with the committee and answered questions.
- V. Adjournment** It was determined the next Committee of the Whole Budget meeting would be October 14th at 5:30 pm before the Common Council meeting. (D6 Alderperson Rick/D3 Alderperson Meyer) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Minutes submitted by City Clerk Anderson-Malm
Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting