

**CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5:15 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Chair Weix started the meeting at 5:17 pm.
Present: D7 Alderperson Weix Jr., D8 Alderperson Rutkowski, Sukow
Present Not Voting: Police Chief Bennett, Fire Chief Klug, City Administrator Akey, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Diane Goetsch, Sara Zastrow
Excused: Norb "Nubs" Ashbeck
- II. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.
- III. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 1. **Consider placing the minutes from the March 23rd meeting on file** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/ Sukow) motion/second to place minutes on file. The motion passed.
- IV. **Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers**
 1. **Nuisance Complaints** - BI/ZA Pagel updated the committee. There were no questions.
 2. **Discuss and consider approving the vouchers** - D8 Alderperson Rutkowski and D6 Alderperson Sukow had questions regarding the vouchers. All questions were answered. (D7 Alderperson Weix/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second to approve the vouchers. The motion passed.
- V. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Consider a temporary "Class B" wine and Class "B" beer license for Devil's Creek Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club at the Merrill Expo Center on November 7, 2026, from 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm, in conjunction with the Sportsmen's Dance & Raffle event.** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/ Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
 2. **Consider a temporary Class "B" beer license for VFW Post 1638, at the VFW Beerstand and Fairgrounds, on May 16, 2026, in conjunction with the Food Truck-a-Palooza event.** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/ Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
 3. **Consider a temporary Class "B" beer license for the VFW Post 1638, at the VFW Beerstand and Fairgrounds on September 7, 2026 in conjunction with the Labor Day Car Show event.** - (D7 Alderperson Weix Jr./ Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
 4. **Consider an alcohol beverage license application for Kindhearted Floral and Liquor, 120 S. Mill St, Merrill.** - (D7 Alderperson Weix Jr./D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.

5. **Police Department 2025 Annual Report** - Police Chief Bennett gave an overview of the annual report and answered questions.

VI. Monthly Reports

1. **Monthly Report - Fire Chief Klug** - Fire Chief Klug highlighted some items from the report. He asked the new members of the committee if they would like to see anything specific going forward.
2. **Monthly Report - Police Chief Bennett** - Police Chief Bennett highlighted some items from the report. There were no additional questions.
3. **Consider placing monthly reports on file** - (Sukow/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second to place monthly reports on file. The motion passed.

VII. Date and Time of Next Meeting - The May meeting would be on Memorial Day, May 25th. An option is to move the meeting to Tuesday, May 26th at 5:15 pm before P&F. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26th at 5:15 pm.

VIII. Adjournment (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/ Sukow) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

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