

**CITY OF MERRILL
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Jeremy Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
Present: Jeremy Thompson, Eric Malm, Mark Zulliger, Mark Bares, Emily Gibson
Present not voting: Fire Chief Klug, Police Chief Bennett, various candidates
- II. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
 1. **Minutes from the January 22, 2025 and May 6, 2025 meetings. -**
- III. **General Agenda Items**
 1. **Presentation from outside Counsel** - Outside Counsel gave a briefing on the duties of the Police and Fire Commission.
- IV. **Closed Session** (Bares/Zulliger) motion/second to go into closed session. The motion passed. The commission went into closed session at 5:24 pm.
 1. **The Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 19.85(1) (c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; to conduct Police Officer candidate interviews.**
- Candidates were interviewed, and the eligibility list was established for the Police Department.
 2. **The Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 19.85(1) (c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; to conduct Fire Fighter/EMT candidate interviews.**
- Candidates were interviewed, and the eligibility list was established for the Fire Department.
- V. **Reconvene in Open Session**
 1. **The Commission may reconvene in open session for possible action related to the closed session items. -** (Malm/Gibson) motion/second to reconvene in open session. The motion passed. The commission reconvened in open session at 7:30 pm. (Bares/Malm) motion/second to approve the police department eligibility list as presented. The motion passed.
(Bares/Zulliger) motion/second to approve the fire department eligibility list as presented. The motion passed.
- VI. **Adjournment** (Zulliger/Gibson) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

