

**CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5:15 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Weix called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm
Present: D7 Alderperson Weix Jr., D8 Alderperson Rutkowski, D6 Alderperson Sukow
Present Not Voting: Police Chief Bennett, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Norb "Nubs" Ashbeck, Battalion Chief Graveen, Mayor Hass, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Renea Krueger, Dan Wendorf
- II. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.
- III. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 1. **Consider placing the minutes from the April 27th meeting on file** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to place minutes on file. The motion passed.
- IV. **Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers**
 1. **Nuisance Complaints** - Nubs Ashbeck updated the committee.
 2. **Discuss and consider approving the vouchers** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve for discussion. D8 Alderperson Rutkowski has questions. Police Chief Bennett and Battalion Chief Graveen answered the questions. Following discussion, the motion passed.
- V. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Consider a temporary Class "B" beer license for Merrill Youth Hardball Association dba Merrill Baseball Association for May 29th - May 31st from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm at Athletic Park, Ott's Park, and Lion's Park, inconjunction with an MBA Youth Tournament event.** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
 2. **Consider a temporary Class "B" beer license for Merrill Youth Softball Association aka MYSA or Merrill Fastpitch, for June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 14, 24, 25, 31, August 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9, 2026 at the MARC from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm, in conjunction with Merrill Fastpitch Tournament/Legion Games and State Tournaments.** - July 26th was added to this request. (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
 3. **Consider a temporary Class "B" beer license for MHS Baseball Boosters Inc for June 2, 3, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 and July 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 18, 19, 23, 2026 at Athletic Park from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm in conjunction with the Baseball at Athletic Park -**

Legion, Jr Legion, Rangers, and Babe Ruth event. - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.

4. **Consider an extension of premises for Ballyhoos on May 30th, 2026 from 10:00 am - 11:00 pm for a Block Party event. This is in addition to the Street Use Permit which was approved at the May 12th Common Council.** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
5. **Consider the 2026-2027 liquor and beer license applications as listed.** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.

VI. Monthly Reports

1. **Monthly Report - Fire Chief Klug** - Battalion Chief Graveen highlighted a few items from the report.
2. **Monthly Report - Police Chief Bennett** - Police Chief highlighted some items from the report. He explained some of the reports to the new members of the committee. There were questions regarding e-bikes on sidewalks and on the River Bend Trail. Parks & Recreation Director Wendorf answered some questions as well as Police Chief Bennett. PRD Wendorf said he will bring this issue up at the Park & Recreation Committee meeting.
3. **Consider placing monthly reports on file** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to place monthly reports on file. The motion passed.

VII. Date and Time of Next Meeting - Monday, June 22nd at 5:15 pm

VIII. Adjournment (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

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