

**CITY OF MERRILL  
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Chair M. Caylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm  
Present: D2 Alderperson M. Caylor, D4 Alderperson Fermanich, D3 Alderperson Meyer  
Present Not Voting: Mayor Hass, City Administrator Akey, Finance Director Ley, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, D6 Alderperson Sukow, D8 Alderperson Rutkowski, Battalion Chief Graveen, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf
- II. **Approval of Vouchers**
  1. **Discuss and consider approving the vouchers** - (D4 Alderperson Fermanich/D3 Alderperson Meyer) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
- III. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
  1. **Minutes from the April 28th meeting.** - (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second to place minutes on file. The motion passed.
- IV. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
  1. **Consider a resolution for approval to open custodial account(s) with Pershing LLC, and engage Ehlers Investment Partners as investment advisors.** - (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second to approve for discussion. Finance Director Ley explained the reason for the resolution. This would be for the 2026A bonds. She stated, currently, we have moderate earnings with Nicolet Bank and Incredible Bank. Investing with Pershing would earn approximately \$33,000 on interest earnings. She answered questions from the committee. Following discussion, the motion passed on a 2/1 vote. D2 Alderperson M. Caylor voted no.
  2. **Discuss and consider a request to lift the hiring freeze to fill the Administrative Assistant Accounts Payable position in the Treasurer's Department.** - Finance Director Ley and City Administrator Akey answered questions from the committee. Following discussion (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
  3. **Discuss and consider a request to lift the hiring freeze to fill the Park & Recreation Operations Manager position.** - (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second to approve for discussion. Park & Recreation Director Wendorf explained the reasons for the request. This is being considered due to an August 1st retirement. The committee asked

questions and discussed the request. Following discussion, the motion passed.

**V. Monthly Reports**

1. **Monthly Report - Mayor Hass** - No additional questions.
2. **Monthly Report - City Administrator Akey** - CA Akey — Boys & Girls Club update - the State did not approve the matching grant so they are working on additional financing.
3. **Monthly Report - Finance Director Ley** - FD Ley answered questions from the committee.
4. **Monthly Report - City Attorney** - The report was included in the packet.
5. **Monthly Report - City Clerk Anderson-Malm** - No additional questions.
6. **Monthly Report - Municipal Court** - The report was included in the packet.
7. **Consider placing monthly reports on file** - (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second to place monthly reports on file. The motion passed.

**VI. Public Comment** There was no public comment.

**VII. Date and Time of Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm**

**VIII. Adjournment** (D3 Alderperson Meyer/D4 Alderperson Fermanich) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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