

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
Present: D1 Alderperson A. Caylor (remote), D2 Alderperson M. Caylor, D3 Alderperson Meyer, D4 Alderperson Fermanich, D5 Alderperson Holdorf, D6 Alderperson Sukow, D7 Alderperson Weix Jr., D8 Alderperson Rutkowski
Present Not Voting: City Administrator Akey, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Ley, Fire Chief Klug (remote), Library Director Ollhoff, Parks & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Street Superintendent Bonack, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Transit Director Brummond (remote), Todd and Joy Annis.
- II. **Invocation - Deacon Jim Arndt - St Francis Xavier** A silent prayer was observed.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Roll Call** Roll call was taken with 8 out of 8 in person or remote.
- V. **Common Council Meeting Expectations**
 1. **The City of Merrill respects the role of our elected officials. Alderpersons and Department Heads are committed to working in collaboration to provide our citizens with the best decision-making for our city's future. This meeting is a formal event and professional conduct is the expectation of all in attendance. -**
- VI. **Public Comment** None.
- VII. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 1. **Consider placing the minutes from the May 12th and 26th meetings on file. - (D2 Alderperson M. Caylor/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second to place minutes on file. The motion passed.**
- VIII. **Revenue and Expense Reports**
 1. **Consider the May Revenue and Expense Report. - (D4 Alderperson Fermanich/D3 Alderperson Meyer) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.**
- IX. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Employee Recognition
Dustin Bonack - Street Department - 10 years - A certificate of appreciation was presented.**
- X. **Board of Public Works**

1. **Consider the upcoming Taylor Street project bids. The Board of Public Works Committee agreed to the bid timing. The bids are being brought directly to the Common Council.** - CA Akey explained the bid project timing. Northeast Asphalt, Inc. was the low bid of \$340,455. The bid was \$160,000 lower than the projected budgeted item. It was explained that any excess will be applied to road projects. (Rutkowski/Weix) motion/second to approve the bid from Northeast Asphalt Inc., for \$340,455. The motion passed.

XI. Health & Safety

1. **Consider the 2026-2027 liquor and beer license applications as listed. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.**
- (Meyer/Sukow) motion/second to approve the 2026-2027 liquor and beer license applications as presented. The motion passed.

XII. Acknowledge Committee Reports

1. **Acknowledge and discuss the following Committee Reports: Library Board, Enrichment Center, Merrill Housing Authority, Park & Recreation, Transit, Police & Fire, Airport, Historic Preservation, Marketing & Communications, Health & Safety, Personnel & Finance, Board of Public Works, and Fairgrounds Committee.** - The reports were acknowledged. There were no questions.

XIII. Resolutions

1. **A Resolution approving the 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. The Board of Public Works Committee recommends approval.**

- A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF MERRILL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill is required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to complete a Compliance Maintenance Annual Report on its Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill, has reviewed the Compliance Maintenance Report for the year 2025, and has determined that it reflects the performance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant during 2025; and

WHEREAS, the report indicates a need for continued improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and its operations to meet the requirements set forth by the WDNR;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN, this 9th day of June 2026, that:

1. The Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2025 is hereby approved and authorized to be filed with the WDNR.

That the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2025 is an accurate indication of the performance of the City of Merrill Wastewater Treatment

Plant for the year 2025.

City Clerk Anderson-Malm read the title of the Resolution. (Meyer/M. Caylor) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.

2. A Resolution honoring Todd Annis for his extended service to the City of Merrill. - A RESOLUTION HONORING TODD ANNIS, FOR HIS LONG-TIME SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, Todd Annis, has served the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation department for 13 years; and,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by dedication to the best interests of our community and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Todd has earned the admiration and respect of his fellow employees by the way in which he has carried out his duties; and

WHEREAS, Todd's skills and experience will be missed at the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of June 2026, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Todd has given the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation department and commends him for those 13 years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Todd Annis, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation department, and extend our warmest wishes for his enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

City Clerk Anderson-Malm read the title of the resolution. (Meyer/Rutkowski) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.

3. A Resolution honoring Joy Annis for her extended service to the City of Merrill. - A RESOLUTION HONORING JOY ANNIS, FOR HER LONG-TIME SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, Joy Annis, has served the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation department for over 26 years; and,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by dedication to the best interests of our community and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Joy has earned the admiration and respect of her fellow employees by the way in which she has carried out her duties; and

WHEREAS, Joy's skills and experience will be missed at the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of June 2026, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Joy has given the City of

Merrill Parks & Recreation department and commends her for those 26 years of service; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Joy Annis, congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement from the City of Merrill Parks & Recreation department, and extend our warmest wishes for her enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

City Clerk Anderson-Malm read the resolution title. (M. Caylor/Weix) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.

XIV. Mayor's Communications Mayor Hass read the following communications:

The Library has summer activities. Please check their website for details.
The City Band will be at the Gazebo on Wednesday's during the summer.
The Rodeo is June 19th through June 21st at the Fairgrounds.
June 20th is the Veteran's Cup-of-Coffee Fundraiser at the Eagles.
June 28th is the Veterans picnic and family fun at the VFW post.
July 3rd is the Fireworks show at the MARC.
July 9th Gazebo Nights starts at Normal Park.

XV. Adjournment (Meyer/Rutkowski) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L Anderson-Malm - City Clerk

The minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting. Meeting minutes are available in the City Clerk's office and on the City of Merrill website. Complete Ordinances are available on the City of Merrill website. <https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us>