

**CITY OF MERRILL
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 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.
Present: Mayor Hass, D1 Alderperson A. Caylor, D8 Alderperson Rutkowski, D6 Alderperson Sukow
Present Not Voting: City Administrator/Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, Utility Superintendent Gabe Steinagel, Building/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, City Clerk Anderson-Malm
- II. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
 1. **Minutes from the May 27th meeting** - (D1 Alderperson A. Caylor/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second to place minutes on file. The motion passed.
- III. **Water and Sewer Agenda Items**
 1. **Discuss and approve the Water & Sewer Vouchers** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
 2. **Water & Sewer Operation Monthly Report - Utility Superintendent Steinagel** - US Steinagel updated the committee with some items and answered questions.
 3. **Discuss and consider the rebuild of the Clarifier Thickener price increase over the approved 2026 budget for this item.** - US Steinagel updated the committee regarding the price increase to rebuild the clarifier thickener. The price increased \$65,000 due to rising aluminum costs. The aluminum is for the dome. (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D1 Alderperson A. Caylor) motion/second to approve the increase and send it to Council. The motion passed.
- IV. **Street Department Agenda Items**
 1. **Discuss and approve the Street Department Vouchers** - (D1 Alderperson A. Caylor/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second to approve. The motion passed.
 2. **Consider the State Municipal Financial Agreement and forward to the Common Council.** - CA/PWD/CE Akey explained the item to the committee. (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve and forward to Council. The motion passed.
 3. **Discuss and consider the request to vacate and discontinue the following described street and alleys:**
Jessie Court ROW south of Delmore Drive
Alley south of E 9th Street and west of N Kyes Street

Alley south of River Street and west of S Nast Street

Alley east of S Kyes Street and south of Logan Avenue - CA/PWD/CE

Akey updated the committee with the reasons to vacate and discontinue the street and alleys as presented. All property owners have been notified.

Upon a motion, this will go to the City Plan Commission and then to Council in September after the publishing/notification deadline is complete. (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to approve and forward to the City Plan Commission. The motion passed.

V. Monthly Reports

1. **Monthly Report - Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel**
- There were no questions.
2. **Monthly Report - City Administrator/Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey** - There were no questions.
3. **Monthly Report - Street Superintendent Bonack** - SS Bonack reported on the main lift. The City will remove it and take it to Wausau to rebuild, if possible. The lift is approx 25 years old. He highlighted some items from his report. Concrete and patches will be done in July. D8 Alderperson Rutkowski asked several questions received from citizens. All questions were answered.
4. **Consider placing monthly reports on file** - (D8 Alderperson Rutkowski/D6 Alderperson Sukow) motion/second to place monthly reports on file. The motion passed.

VI. Date and Time of Next Meeting Wednesday, July 29th at 5:15 pm

VII. Public Comment There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment (D1 Alderperson A. Caylor/D8 Alderperson Rutkowski) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

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