



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • MONDAY OCTOBER 25, 2021**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**5:15 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

Alderman Russell called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

| Attendee Name | Title                           | Status  | Arrived |
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| Paul Russell  | Aldersperson - First District   | Present |         |
| Steve Hass    | Aldersperson - Second District  | Present |         |
| Mark Weix     | Aldersperson - Seventh District | Present |         |

Others in attendance (either in-person or remotely): Police Chief Corey Bennett, Fire Battalion Chief Jon Leiskau, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Alderman Rick Blake and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

**II. COVID-19 Reports**

Alderman Russell reported that, since the last meeting, he has not received any reports from Lincoln County officials.

It was noted that Lincoln County has changed from the "Critically High" category to the "Very High" category of COVID-19 activity.

Both Police Chief Bennett and Fire Battalion Chief Leiskau reported that they currently have an adequate supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

**III. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:**

**1. Nuisance Complaints**

The nuisance complaint summary report was in the meeting packet. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck provided verbal information on each of the six cases on the report.

**2. Vouchers**

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett and Fire Battalion Chief Leiskau each answered a question on the vouchers.

Motion (Hass/Weix) to approve the vouchers.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED</b> |
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**IV. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:**

**1. Update on Class B Combo license for 116 N. Prospect Street**

It was noted that no business has been conducted at the premises recently. The owners are seeking tenants at this time. They have done some remodeling and plan to do more.

Committee members asked Police Chief Bennett to keep them informed as to the status of this business/license. No action was taken at this time.

V. Other agenda items to consider:

1. Discussion on animal control

Police Chief Bennett noted that this subject was discussed briefly at the last meeting.

The person who has been addressing animal control issues is now longer performing those duties. It was suggested that a list of pest control companies could be posted on the City website.

Alderman Russell will be contacted some potentially interested parties on this. Police Chief Bennett noted that he knows one person has shown some interest. He will contact that person to determine if there is still interest.

No action was taken at this time.

VI. Minutes & Monthly Reports:

1. Minutes of September 27, 2021 meeting

The minutes were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Weix/Hass) to approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED</b> |
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2. Monthly Repot - Fire Cheif Klug

The report was in the meeting packet.

In the absence of Fire Chief Klug, Fire Battalion Chief Leiskau reported.

The Haunted Sawmill has received temporary permits to operate for their 2021 "season".

The Fire Department Callback reported was mentioned.

The Fire Department has participated in several community events recently.

It was noted that there were numerous motor vehicle accidents with injuries in the last month.

The 1992 fire engine was recently sold via the Wisconsin Surplus Auction.

3. Monthly Report - Police Chief Bennett

The report was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett reported that it was a busy month for activities and special events. He then provided information on grant opportunities.

Alderman Russell thanked the Police Department and the schools for implementing "drop off" policies at the schools that appear to be working well.

4. Monthly Report - Lincoln County Humane Society

The report was in the meeting packet.

It was noted that the can collection fundraiser will be starting again.

5. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Weix/Hass) to place on file.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b> |
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VII. Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting

Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:15 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VIII. Public Comment Period

None.

IX. Adjournment

Motion (Weix/Hass) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:42 P.M.