

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 MINUTES
Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.**

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following elected officials, department heads and residents were in attendance:

Elected Officials and Department Heads present: Mayor Hass, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Unertl, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey, Library Director Ollhoff, Police Chief Bennett, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel and Enrichment Center Director Mrachek (remote). Fire Chief Klug and Park & Recreation Director Wendorf were excused.

Others in attendance: Pastor Mike Zahn and Diane Zahn, Al Wix, Todd and Renea Frederick and Merrill Media Communications.

- II. **Invocation** – Pastor Mike Zahn – United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

- IV. **Roll Call** was taken and the following alderperson's were in attendance:

Paul Russell – First District	Remote
Michael “Gus” Caylor – Second District	Excused
Nathan Meyer – Third District	Present
LaDonna Fermanich – Fourth District	Present
Dick Lupton – Fifth District	Present
Mike Rick - Sixth District	Remote
Mark Weix – Seventh District	Excused
Steve Sabatke – Eighth District	Present

- V. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment

- VI. **Minutes from previous meeting:**

Aldersperson Lupton made a motion to approve the September 12th Common Council meeting minutes. Aldersperson Meyer seconded and the motion carried.

- VII. **Revenue & Expense Reports:**

Aldersperson Russell made a motion to approve the September 2023 revenue and expense reports. Aldersperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

- VIII. **Health & Safety:**

1. Consider a Class “B”/”Class B” picnic license for the Merrill Chamber of Commerce for October 12, 2023 – Aldersperson Lupton motioned to approve. Aldersperson Sabatke and the motion carried.

2. Consider a temporary Class “B” picnic license for Merrill Historical Society for November 4, 2023 – Alderperson Meyer motioned to approve. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion carried.

3. Consider an alcohol beverage license for Gesundheit Saloon, LLC, 1300 E Main Street – Alderperson Rick motioned to approve. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

IX. Redevelopment Authority:

1. Consider approving Spruce Street extension funding for the 2024 budget – Following discussion and questions, Alderperson Russell motioned to approve. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

X. Place Committee Reports on file:

Alderperson Meyer motioned to place the committee reports on file. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

XI. Resolution:

City Attorney Hayden read the following Resolution:

A Resolution approving northcentral Wisconsin stormwater coalition cooperative agreement

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regulates municipal storm sewer systems discharging water to surface or groundwaters through the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination system (WPDES) permit program, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the WPDES Storm Water Program is to prevent the transportation of pollutants to Wisconsin’s water resources via stormwater runoff, and

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill owns stormwater facilities that are required to be permitted under the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES), and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Management Cooperative Agreement is between Marathon County; the cities of Baraboo, Marshfield, Merrill, Mosinee, Schofield, Stevens Point, Wausau, and Wisconsin Rapids; the villages of Kronenwetter, Plover, Rothschild and Weston; the town of Rib Mountain; and the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point herein referred to as the Northcentral Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Agreement, which is authorized pursuant to ss.66.0301, Wis. Stats., is to develop and implement a single information and outreach program meeting the requirement of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and to increase awareness of stormwater impacts on waters of the state while avoiding duplication of efforts and saving costs, and

WHEREAS, the coalition will cooperate to adapt and revise operating procedures and municipal ordinances to comply with the requirements of the WPDES General Permits held by each party to the agreement and any changes made to the Wisconsin Administrative Code; now therefore

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 10th day of October, 2023, hereby authorizes and executes a Stormwater Management Cooperative Agreement between Marathon County, the cities of Baraboo,

Marshfield, Merrill, Mosinee, Schofield, Stevens Point, Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids; the villages of Kronenwetter, Plover, Rothschild and Weston; the town of Rib Mountain; and the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

Alderson Lupton motioned to approve the Resolution. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

XII. Mayor's Appointments:

Alderson Meyer motioned to approve to re-appoint Lyle Baner to the Airport Commission and re-appoint Nancy Kwiesielewicz to the Merrill Housing Authority. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

XIII. Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Hass read the following communications:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month; please follow your doctor's recommendations on screenings.

The Haunted Sawmill is open every weekend in October.

Watch for and support the craft shows in the area; it's that time of the year.

There is an annular eclipse coming up on and the T.B. Scott Library has solar eclipse glasses for viewing.

Merrill Enrichment Center has numerous programs every month, please stop in and see this great facility and sign up for events.

It's Budget Season. We have another meeting scheduled on October 16 at 6:00 pm. The public is encouraged to attend.

The City has its U-Tube channels up. You can view our meetings and be kept up-to-date with the Mayor's announcements and recaps from the Council meeting. Please like, share and ring the notification bell.

It's Fire Prevention week, please have a plan and share it with your family. Have your fire extinguishers checked and smoke detector batteries charged.

XIV. Adjournment – Alderson Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

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