



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Steve Hass	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Rick Blake	Aldersperson - Third District	Present	
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Alderman - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

Other attendees included: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, Transit Director Brad Brummond, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Josh Klug (arr. 5:38), Street Commissioner Ron Liberty, Enrichment Center Director Tammie Mrachek (arr. 5:52), Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Park & Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wzalek, Landis Holdorf, Chad Krueger, Robert Oemig, Mike Rick Jr., Gary Schwartz, Lori Anderson-Malm, LaDonna Fermanich, Tom Curren, Gail Curren, Val Mindak, Lee Opsahl, Ryan Schwartzman (arr. 6:05), Al Wix and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Public Commnet Period

None.

III. Agenda Item:

1. Conduct interviews and make recommendations on candidate and term duration for vacant position in Aldermanic District #6. The candidate and term duration recommendations will be forwarded for consideration at the September 10th, 2019 Common Council meeting. The candidates who have applied for the position (listed alphabetically by last name) are Landis Holdorf, Chad Krueger, Ronald Liberty, Todd Nofsinger, Robert Oemig and Michael Rick, Jr.

Landis Holdorf gave a presentation and answered questions.

Chad Krueger gave a presentation and answered questions.

Ron Liberty gave a presentation and answered questions.

Robert Oemig gave a presentation and answered questions.

Mike Rick Jr. gave a presentation and answered questions.

It was decided that voting done by the Common Council would be done by paper ballot. It was also decided that a “primary” vote be taken. The top two vote-getters from this voting (including ties, if necessary) would then advance to a second round of voting.

Note: Per the Wisconsin State Statutes (19.88), the paper ballot will indicate that name of the person voting as well as the actual vote. The state statutes prohibit filling a vacancy of this type by secret ballot. A secret ballot may only be used when electing the officers of the governing body, such as the council president.

The first vote resulted in four votes for Mike Rick Jr., two votes for Ron Liberty, one vote for Landis Holdorf and one vote for Chad Krueger. Voting for Mike Rick Jr.: Alderman Russell, Alderman Hass, Alderman Osness and Alderman Sabatke. Voting for Ron Liberty: Alderman Blake and Alderman Norton. Voting for Landis Holdorf: Mayor Woellner. Voting for Chad Krueger: Alderman Van Lieshout.

Based on the first vote, Mike Rick Jr. and Ron Liberty advanced to the second round of voting.

The second vote resulted in six votes for Mike Rick Jr. and two votes for Ron Liberty. Voting for Mike Rick Jr.: Alderman Russell, Alderman Hass, Alderman Osness, Alderman Van Lieshout, Alderman Sabatke and Mayor Woellner. Voting for Ron Liberty: Alderman Blake and Alderman Norton.

The second vote results will be forwarded to the September 9th Common Council meeting.

Mayor Woellner thanked all applicants for the position.

IV. Adjournment

Motion (Russell/Osness) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:30 P.M.