CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

AGENDA ● TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Regular Meeting | **City Hall Council Chambers** | **6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by Pastor William Hohman, New Testament Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comment Period
6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):
    1. Minutes of August 12, 2020 Common Council meeting
7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
    1. Revenue & Expense Report for the period ending August 31, 2020
8. Communications and Petitions:
    1. Insurance claim from Progressive Insurance, as Subrogee of James Swanson, related to insured vehicle damage, allegedly caused by City of Merrill Firefighters at 111 E. Riverside Avenue on February 7th, 2020. The City's insurance carrier recommends that this claim be disallowed. This is based on the fact that an investigation revealed no liability on behalf of the City. The City does not accept responsibility for the damage being claimed. In addition, it is the City's insurance carrier's stance that the City is subject to discretionary immunity in this situation.
9. General agenda items:
    1. Employee Years of Service Recognition:

       Vincent L. Conrad, 30 years (Street Department)

       Joshua J. Grovogel, 10 years (Fire Department)
    2. Presentation of and discussion of 2019 City of Merrill Audit Reports
10. Board of Public Works:
    1. Consider alley improvements for alley between East Eighth Street and East Ninth Street, between Cedar Street and Elm Street. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.
11. Health and Safety Committee:
    1. Application from Casa-Amigos Mexican Restaurant, LLC, Yareldi Gutierrez, Agent, for Class "B" (beer) and "Class B" (liquor) licenses for Casa-Amigos Restaurant, N2410 State Highway 107 , effective September 9th, 2020. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

2. Application from Schmitt-Manecke-Donner VFW Post 1638 to transfer their Class "B" (beer) and "Class B" (liquor) licenses from one premises to another (205 N. Cleveland Street to 601 Johnson Street). Alderman Hass is bringing this application directly to the Common Council.

12. Personnel and Finance Committee:

    1. Consider writing off 2019 over-collected Personal Property tax bill of $234.74 for Winter Chiropractic, as well as future 2020 Personal Property tax bill. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.

13. Placing Committee Reports on File:

    1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Board of Public Works, Health & Safety Committee, Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee and Redevelopment Authority.

14. Mayor's Appointments:

    1. Alderman Hass, as temporary member and chairperson of the Health and Safety Committee, during the absence of Alderman Russell.

15. Ordinances:

    1. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 36, Article V, Section 36-251, related to ATV/UTV routes

16. Resolutions:

    1. Initial Resolution authorizing $1,395,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement Projects
    2. Initial Resolution authorizing $50,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Public Grounds Projects
    3. Initial Resolution authorizing $275,000 General Obligation Bonds for Community Development Projects in Tax Incremental Districts
    4. Initial Resolution authorizing $210,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage Projects
    5. Initial Resolution authorizing $75,000 General Obligation Bonds for Library Projects
    6. Initial Resolution authorizing $360,000 General Obligation Bonds for Water System Projects
    7. Initial Resolution authorizing $1,145,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds
    8. Resolution directing publication of Notice to Electors relating to bond issues
    9. Resolution providing for the sale of not to exceed $3,510,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds
    10. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a $266,000 General Obligation Promissory Note

11. A Resolution temporarily moving Aldermanic Districts 3 and 6 polling places to the Bierman Building at the Merrill Festival Grounds for the election to be held on November 3, 2020.

12. An Authorizing Resolution for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant and Catastrophic Storm Grant Programs

17. Mayor's Communications

18. Closed Session:

    1. The Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) & (g) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in, to discuss and consider the rural fire contracts.

19. The Common Council may reconvene in open session for potential action(s) on closed session issues.

20. Adjournment

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk

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