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**City of Merrill
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Basement Conference Room
1004 East First Street**

Committee of the Whole members present (9 of 9): Mayor Bill Bialecki, Alderman Chris Malm (First District), Alderman Steve Hass (Second District), Alderman Ryan Schwartzman (Third District), Alderwoman Kandy Peterson (Fourth District), Alderman John Burgener (Fifth District), Alderman Dave Sukow (Sixth District), Alderman Rob Norton (Seventh District) and Alderwoman Anne Caylor (Eighth District).

Other attendees: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Finance/Technology Director Kathy Unertl, Don Heyel and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

Call to order

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Public Comment

Don Heyel stated that he was pleased that a proposed boundary agreement with the Town of Pine River was again being considered.

Motion to convene in closed session

Motion (Hass/Caylor) to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of 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, to consider policy direction for negotiation of potential fire protection agreement renewal options with Towns of Merrill, Scott, and Rock Falls effective in 2014 and potential continued participation in and fiscal commitments to Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC) and potential boundary agreement with Town of Pine River. Carried 7-1 on roll call vote. Voting No – Alderman Norton.

Convened in closed session at 6:04 P.M. Attending: Malm, Hass, Schwartzman, Peterson, Burgener, Sukow, Norton, Caylor, Bialecki, Johnson, Hayden, Unertl, Savone and Heideman.

Closed session #1 – Township fire protection agreement renewal options

The minutes of this closed session will be filed separately and confidentially.

Closed session #2 – Future participation in Lincoln Economic Dev. Corp.

At this point, Fire Chief Savone departed.

This closed session began at 6:23 P.M. The minutes of this closed session will be filed separately and confidentially.

Closed session #3 – Proposed Boundary Agreement with Town of Pine River

This closed session began at 6:48 P.M. The minutes of this closed session will be filed separately and confidentially.

Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Caylor) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

William N. Heideman, WCMC
City Clerk