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**City of Merrill
Health and Safety Committee
Monday, May 20, 2013 at 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Basement Conference Room, 1004 East First Street**

Voting Members Present (3 of 3): Alderwoman Anne Caylor (Chairperson), Alderwoman Kandy Peterson and Alderman Dave Sukow.

Others Present: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Police Chief Ken Neff, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Patricia Baacke and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A student was in attendance to videotape the meeting for the Cable Access Channel.

Call to order

Alderwoman Caylor called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Nuisance complaints and exterior maintenance report

The report was in the meeting packet. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported that one of the cases on the report was a landlord-tenant issue.

Alderman Caylor remarked that progress is being made on the compliance and enforcement of exterior maintenance ordinances. Alderman Sukow added that this progress is possible because the City is being consistent as issues are addressed.

Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to approve the vouchers, as presented. Carried.

2013-2014 Liquor License renewal applications

A list of license applicants was in the meeting packet. City Clerk Heideman reported that all anticipated applications have been returned, and that he has no concerns with the applications at this time. Between now and actual renewal time, research will be done to ensure that there are no reasons to deny any licenses or delay any approvals.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the applications as submitted.

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Motion (Peterson/Sukow) to approve the 2013-2014 Beer & Liquor Licenses for Class "A", Class "B", "Class A", "Class B", Class "B" and "Class C" Wine, as submitted. All approvals would be contingent upon full compliance with the City of Merrill Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes. Carried.

Other beer and/or liquor license applications

None.

Request from businesses to close down East Main Street for "block party"

Note: At this time, Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck departed.

Information was in the meeting packet. Several eastside businesses have signed and submitted a request to close a block of East Main Street (between Poplar Street and Court Street) from 1:00 P.M. to midnight, on Friday, June 21st, 2013, in conjunction with a Main Street Block Party.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the request.

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Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to approve the request from several businesses to close a block of East Main Street (from Poplar Street to Court Street) from 1:00 P.M. to midnight, for the Main Street Block Party on Friday, June 21st, 2013. Any music associated with the block party is to end by 11:00 P.M., and the street is to be cleaned up and reopened by midnight. Carried.

Ord. amendment to Sec. 36-86 re: Prohibit parking of certain vehicles on streets

The proposed ordinance was in the meeting packet.

The ordinance was drafted as a result of discussion held at the April 22nd, 2013 Health and Safety Committee meeting, regarding potential safety hazards created when school buses or other large vehicles are parked on the street.

The ordinance would prohibit parking a commercial vehicle, an oversized vehicle or a non-conforming vehicle on any street, boulevard, or other public way within the City of Merrill.

Police Chief Neff reported that he and Street Commissioner Lupton met to formulate the language for the ordinance. They are “comfortable” with the language of the ordinance and recommend approval.

Motion (Peterson/Sukow) to approve the ordinance. Carried.

The ordinance will be on the June 11th, 2013 Common Council meeting agenda.

Monthly Report – Fire Chief Savone

The report was in the meeting packet. Fire Chief Savone reported that “turning dirt” at the new fire station site has begun. This week is EMS week. The department will be receiving an award in Wausau on May 21st. Use of the new software will be “live” this week.

Alderman Sukow spoke favorably on the report format.

Monthly Report – Police Chief Neff

The report was in the meeting packet. Firearms training has been completed for the time being, but the department is now busy with other training.

Alderwoman Caylor stated that she has received numerous complaints related to “Rummage Sale” signs, specifically that they are being placed in the boulevard and/or not being removed in a timely manner.

Alderwoman Caylor also raised the issue of the Labor Day Parade route being changed. She asked if the paperwork for a parade permit has been submitted. Police Chief Neff responded that the paperwork has not yet been submitted. Police Chief Neff stated that he will contact Parks and Recreation Director Wendorf to determine who is responsible for the parade route and for submitting the paperwork to obtain a parade permit.

Monthly Report – Lincoln County Humane Society

The report was in the meeting packet.

Place monthly reports on file

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to place the monthly reports on file. Carried.

Schedule next meeting

Monday, June 24th, 2013 at 4:30 P.M.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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City Clerk