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**City of Merrill
Board of Public Works
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Basement Conference Room, 1004 East First Street**

Members Present (5 of 5): Mayor Bill Bialecki (Chairperson), Street Commissioner Richard Lupton, Alderman Steve Hass, Alderman John Burgener and Alderman Chris Malm.

Others Present Included: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, City Hall Maintenance Supervisor Ramona Vanderkam, Alderman Dave Sukow, Alderwoman Kandy Peterson, Marianne Bunge, Eugene Brown, Sister Peggy Jackelen, Duane Pfister and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A student was in attendance to videotape the meeting for the Cable Access Channel.

Call to order

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

Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Hass/Burgener) to approve the vouchers, as presented. Carried.

Continue discussion on possible garbage/recycling collection @ Bell Tower

Representing Bell Tower, Sister Peggy Jackelen has inquired as to whether it may be possible to have garbage and/or recycling collection at the Bell Tower Residence, 1500 O'Day Street. Currently, there is no City collection there because the road is considered a "private" road. This item was initially discussed at the February 26th, 2014 Board of Public Works meeting. No action was taken at that meeting.

Street Commissioner Lupton reported that he and a garbage//recycling employee met recently with Bell Tower representatives to discuss this issue. It was mentioned that, if any collection was approved, it would be for recycling only, and garbage collection would not be included.

Alderman Hass stated that he is concerned that, if any collection were approved, other entities would want the same service. It was noted that Bell Tower is a non-profit organization, and that the City does perform pickup at several other businesses.

Motion (Hass/Burgener) to table. Carried.

Ordinance to add garbage collection agreement provisions (Chapter 30, Article II)

Garbage/recycling collection at the condominiums on Thielman Street is being considered. A proposed ordinance on agreement provisions was in the meeting packet.

This proposed ordinance was initially discussed at the February 26th, 2014 Board of Public Works meeting. At that meeting, no action was taken.

The proposed ordinance was also on the March 11th, 2014 Common Council meeting agenda. At that meeting, a motion was passed to refer the ordinance back to the Board of Public Works.

City Attorney Hayden reported that the proposed ordinance is the result of discussions held with representatives of several condominium associations.

Motion (Hass/Burgener) to approve the ordinance. Carried.

The ordinance will be on the April 8th, 2014 Common Council meeting agenda.

Petition & resolutions to vacate portions of Arthur and Thomas Streets

A petition has been submitted requesting the vacation of a portion of Arthur Street and a portion of Thomas Street. A copy of the petition, maps of the area and two proposed resolutions related to the petition were in the meeting packet.

Potential easements were discussed.

Eugene Brown asked whether a portion of John Street was also part of the petition. He was told that the petition does not request the vacation of any portion of John Street.

Motion (Hass/Malm) to forward the two resolutions to the April 1st, 2014 City Plan Commission meeting. Carried.

Monthly report - Street Commissioner

The report was distributed at the meeting. Street Commissioner Lupton reported that the new garbage truck has been ordered. It is anticipated that the new single-stream recycling program will be in effect by approximately June 1st.

Monthly report – Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator

The report was in the meeting packet. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel reported that there is a significant amount of demolition either in process or pending.

Alderman Malm raised the subject of the Redevelopment Authority authorizing an additional \$11,000 expenditure related to the Lincoln House demolition. He was told that this was not on the agenda, and therefore it would be inappropriate to discuss it at this time. He then asked when the appropriate time would be, and was told that any discussion on this topic should be held at a Redevelopment Authority meeting.

Monthly report – City Hall Maintenance Supervisor

The report was distributed at the meeting.

Monthly report from contracted engineering firms

No report(s) submitted.

Next meeting

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.

Public Comment

This is the last meeting for Alderman Hass as a board member. Mayor Bialecki thanked Alderman Hass for his years of service on the Board of Public Works.

Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Malm) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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