

**City of Merrill
Committee of the Whole
Strategic Planning Session
Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Common Council Chambers
1004 East First Street**

Committee of the Whole members present (8 of 9): Mayor Bill Bialecki, Alderman Chris Malm (First District), Alderman Peter Lokemoen (Second District), Alderman Ryan Schwartzman (Third District), Alderwoman Kandy Peterson (Fourth District), Alderman John Burgener (Fifth District), Alderman Dave Sukow (Sixth District) and Alderman Rob Norton (Seventh District). Alderman Tim Meehean (Eighth District) had an excused absence.

Other attendees included: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Enrichment Center Director Jane Deau, Transit Director Rich Grenfell, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Police Chief Ken Neff, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, City Hall Maintenance Supervisor Ramona Vanderkam, Park and Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Lincoln County Community Development Educator Art Lersch and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

Call to order

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Public Comment

None.

Strategic long-term planning session/discussion #6 (facilitated by Art Lersch)

Mayor Bialecki turned the meeting over to Lincoln County Community Development Educator Lersch.

The Session #5 Report was reviewed. There were no changes or corrections to the report.

The City government mission statement and vision statement were reviewed. These statements were approved by the Common Council (Resolution #2363) on May 13th, 2014. Both statements are now on the home page of the City website.

At the previous meeting, discussion on identifying strategic issues was initiated. This discussion now continued. Certain issues were clarified as necessary.

Meeting attendees then voiced their opinions, via vote, on which strategic issues were most important. Growing the tax base was previously identified as a critical issue. The vote resulted in the following issues also determined to be important:

- Services
- Budget Philosophy
- Economic Development

The next strategic planning meeting will be held in the City Hall Common Council Chambers, on Thursday, June 19th, beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Note: After the meeting, Lincoln County Community Development Educator Lersch prepared and submitted a meeting report. That report will be filed with these minutes and is also available on the City website.

Adjournment

Motion (Burgener/Sukow) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk