

May 29th, 2014

Note: These minutes are subject to review and approval at the next regular Common Council meeting.

The Common Council of the City of Merrill met on the above date in Special Session, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street. Mayor William R. Bialecki called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

140520S Roll Call showed the following Common Council members present (7 of 8): 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.

140525S Public Comment Period

None.

1405140S Personnel and Finance Committee

1405141S Consider lifting the hiring freeze to replace Enrichment Center Director Jane Deau, who is retiring June 29th, 2014

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to lift the hiring freeze to hire a 30 to 32 hour per week Enrichment Center Director, per the recommendation from City Administrator Johnson. Carried.

1405240S Mayor's Appointments

Alderwoman Peterson (Alternate), to the Board of Review

Motion (Burgener/Schwartzman) to approve the appointment. Carried.

1405260S **RESOLUTION NO. 2370**

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH AND AUTHORIZING LOAN REPAYMENT PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE "ZASTROW DEVELOPMENT" AND "201 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET" PROPERTY

WHEREAS, The City of Merrill (“City”) is indebted to Merrill Area Development Corporation (“MADC”) for \$315,000 for a development incentive, plus accrued interest, that facilitated land acquisition and infrastructure for the Zastrow The Beer Man Distribution facility, and;

WHEREAS, the City desires to pay off the balance of that indebtedness and satisfy all obligations stemming from the Development Agreement related thereto, and;

WHEREAS, MADC is indebted to the City in the amount of \$200,000, plus accrued interest, such indebtedness stemming from a Development Agreement related to the project at 201 South Prospect Street, and the City desires that such indebtedness be repaid to the City, making funds available for other projects in the City of Merrill;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 29th day of May, 2014, that the City of Merrill shall make a net payout to MADC in the amount of \$203,634.53.

Motion (Norton/Schwartzman) to adopt. Carried 7-0 on roll call vote.

Closed session

Motion (Schwartzman/Peterson) 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 negotiation of the rural fire contracts. Carried 6-1 on roll call vote. Voting No – Alderman Norton.

Convened in closed session at 5:56 P.M.

Attending: Malm, Lokemoen, Schwartzman, Peterson, Burgener, Sukow, Norton, Bialecki, Johnson, Hayden, Unertl, Savone and Heideman.

In closed session, City Administrator Johnson provided an update on the ongoing negotiations of the rural fire contracts. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

The Common Council opted not to reconvene in open session.

1405999S Motion (Lokemoen/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned (from closed session) at 6:15 P.M.

William R. Bialecki
Mayor

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk

I, William N. Heideman, City Clerk of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the Mayor approved the above action of the Common Council on June 2nd, 2014.

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk