

**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AMENDED AGENDA
Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Common Council Chambers
1004 East First Street**

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment
3. Consider lifting the hiring freeze to hire water treatment plant operator to replace retiring employee (agenda item requested by City Administrator Johnson – amended agenda item)
4. Strategic long-term planning session/discussion #7, facilitated by Art Lersch
5. Adjournment

NOTE: It is possible that a quorum of the Common Council will be present at this meeting. However, no Common Council action will be taken.

Agenda prepared by City Clerk Bill Heideman

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Heideman, Bill

From: Johnson, David
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 12:27 PM
To: Heideman, Bill
Cc: Bialecki, Bill; Schwartzman, Ryan; Hayden, Tom; Unertl, Kathy
Subject: Amended COW agenda
Attachments: Utility Vacancy.docx

Bill,

We were just given the requisite two-week minimum notice retirement notice for John Boucher. We need to amend the agenda to include lifting the hiring freeze at tomorrow night's meeting. Info attached.

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To: Merrill Common Council Committee of the Whole
From: David Johnson, City Administrator
Subject: Lift hiring freeze to hire water treatment plant operator vacancy due to upcoming retirement

Date 6/18/14

On July 1, 2014, John Boucher will be retiring from city service in the Utilities Department in water treatment. This position is necessary for operation of the water pumping, filtration and distribution system in Merrill. We have just 8 field positions in the Utilities Department for both water treatment and wastewater treatment, pumping, distribution, collection and maintenance. Two positions are full-time water treatment, three are full-time wastewater treatment and three are both water and wastewater treatment. This position is necessary to continue our current level of services in this department.

Filling this position with a new employee will be a cost reduction due to the lower starting salary of a new hire.

It is my recommendation that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Common Council to lift the hiring freeze and allow this position to be filled.

David Johnson

City Administrator

