



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA • TUESDAY JULY 12, 2016

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by Deacon Jim Arndt, St. Francis Xavier Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comment Period
6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):
 1. Minutes of June 14, 2016 Common Council meeting
7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
 1. Revenue & Expense Report for Period Ending June 30, 2016
8. General agenda items:
 1. Employee Years of Service Recognition
Brad J. Becker, 20 years (Police Department)
9. Public Hearing(s):
 1. Public hearing on the potential vacation of an alley near the former Lincoln House site.
 2. Public hearing on the potential vacation of a portion of Meadow Lane.
10. City Plan Commission:
 1. Site Plan review for Merrill Enrichment Center/Expo Hall. The City Plan Commission recommends approval.
11. Health and Safety Committee:
 1. Application from Merrill Fast Pitch for three temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented beverages at the softball fields and concession stand at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex during the 11th Annual Merrill Fast Pitch Tournament, July 22-July 24, 2016. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.
 2. Request from Humphrey's Pub, 500 West Main Street, to close off Genesee Street, from Main Street to the southern edge of the alley, from 5 P.M. to midnight on Crazy Daze, Thursday, August 11th, 2016 and to extend their premises to sell alcoholic beverages in that area. Outdoor music would be allowed from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. that night. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

12. Parks & Recreation Commission:
 1. Take \$75,000 from the \$150,000 reallocated from the cancelled P&R maintenance building project at the last Common Council Meeting for the Enrichment Center/Expo Hall building in order to fund the shortfall in the Normal Park Restroom project due to a major price increase by Huffcutt. This would require raising an additional \$75,000 in donations to fund the Enrichment Center, or find alternative funding for the restrooms. Given the increased usage of Normal Park, restrooms have become a necessity. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends approval.
13. Personnel and Finance Committee:
 1. Consider the wording for a referendum question on the November 8, 2016 election ballot, as follows: "Should the elected office of Merrill Street Commissioner be eliminated?". The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approving the wording.
14. Redevelopment Authority:
 1. Consider purchase of 401 West Main Street and adjacent parking lots from RD Properties of Wisconsin, LLC, for a maximum of \$140,000 (TID #8 - West Side). The Redevelopment Authority recommends approval.
 2. Consider implementation of TIF Loan Program for environmental review and demolition of vacant commercial or manufacturing buildings. The Redevelopment Authority recommends approval.
15. Placing Committee Reports on File:
 1. Consider placing the following reports on file: Airport Commission, Board of Public Works, City Plan Commission, Committee of the Whole, Health & Safety Committee, Housing Authority, Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee, Redevelopment Authority and Water & Sewage Disposal Committee.
16. Ordinances:
 1. An Ordinance related to compensation for citizen members of committees. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.
 2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26, Article II, Section 26-22, to included knives with a 3-inch or larger blade in the definition of dangerous weapons. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.
 3. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 36, Article V, Section 36-254, to allow ATV and UTV vehicle travel on Highway K/Center Avenue, north of East Sixth Street. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

17. Resolutions:
 1. A Resolution authorizing the vacation of an alley located in Lot Two, Block Four of the original plat of Jenny (near the former Lincoln House site). At a meeting on April 27th, 2016, the Board of Public Works recommended approval.
 2. A Resolution authorizing the vacation of a part of Meadow Lane. At a meeting on April 27th, 2016, the Board of Public Works recommended approval.
 3. A Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to file application for financial assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund. The Water and Sewage Disposal Committee recommends approval.
 4. A Resolution on advance land acquisition loan and responsibility and performance notes, related to improvements at the Merrill Municipal Airport. Mayor Bialecki is bringing this resolution directly to the Common Council.
18. Mayor's Communications
19. Adjournment

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk

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