

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

*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 Regular Session, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street. Mayor William R. Bialecki called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

**130110** Invocation by Pastor Paul Hohman, New Testament Church. He filled in for Pastor William Hohman.

**130115** Pledge of Allegiance

**130120** Roll Call showed the following Common Council members present (8 of 8): Alderman Chris Malm (First District), Alderman Steve Hass (Second District), Alderman Ryan Schwartzman (Third District), Alderwoman Kandy Peterson (Fourth District), Alderman John Burgener (Fifth District), Alderman Dave Sukow (Sixth District), Alderman Rob Norton (Seventh District) and Alderwoman Anne Caylor (Eighth District).

The following were also in attendance: Transit Director Rich Grenfell, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Clerk Bill Heideman, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Street Commissioner Richard Lupton, Airport Manager/FBO John Miller, Police Chief Ken Neff, City Hall Maintenance Supervisor Ramona Pampuch, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance/Technology Director Kathy Unertl and Park & Recreation Director Dan Wendorf.

**130130** Minutes of December Meeting

Motion (Hass/Sukow) to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Common Council meeting and approve them as published. Carried.

**130140** Revenue and Expense Report – December 2012

Motion (Hass/Burgener) to delay consideration of the December, 2012 Revenue and Expense report until the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Common Council meeting. Carried.

- 130190** Committee of the Whole
- 130191** The Committee recommends approving, as presented, the amendment to the Verizon Wireless lease in order to install an emergency generator at the Champagne Street water tower (1101 West Taylor Street).
- Motion (Schwartzman/Peterson) to adopt. Carried.
- 130192** The Committee recommends lifting the hiring freeze to fill a pending Street Department vacancy resulting from an employee retiring effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
- Motion (Hass/Sukow) to adopt. Carried.
- 130193** The Committee recommends lifting the hiring freeze to fill a Firefighter/Paramedic vacancy resulting from an employee resignation.
- Motion (Hass/Burgener) to adopt. Carried.
- 1301160** City Plan Commission
- 1301161** Consider recommendation(s) from January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting on a site plan to reconstruct the entrance to the south side of the Lincoln County Safety Building, 1104 East First Street
- At that meeting, the Commission recommended approving the site plan, as submitted.
- Motion (Hass/Sukow) to adopt. Carried.
- 1301230** Placing Committee Reports on file
- Motion (Sukow/Burgener) to place the following committee reports on file: Housing Authority, Committee of the Whole, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel and Finance Committee, Transit Commission, Library Board, Airport Commission and Police and Fire Commission. Carried.
- 1301250** **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01**
- FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, SECTION 1 TO ADJUST FEES IN REGARDS TO RESERVATIONS OF PARK SPACE OR SHELTERS

Motion (Caylor/Burgener) to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Carried.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16,  
SECTION 1 TO ADJUST FEES IN REGARDS TO RESERVATIONS OF  
PARK SPACE OR SHELTERS

THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16,  
SECTION 1 TO ADJUST FEES IN REGARDS TO RESERVATIONS OF  
PARK SPACE OR SHELTERS

Motion (Hass/Caylor) to adopt. Carried 8-0 on roll call vote.

**1301260 RESOLUTION NO. 2260**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONNECTING HIGHWAY  
AGREEMENT FOR HIGHWAY 64 AND PINE RIDGE AVENUE  
INTERSECTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERRILL AND THE  
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Merrill have participated in preparation of a traffic impact analysis and a Memorandum of Understanding for a development South of the State Highway 64 and Pine Ridge Avenue Intersection; and,

WHEREAS, the connecting Highway Agreement attached hereto sets forth the obligations of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on December 18, 2012 and approved the agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, that the connecting Highway Agreement for Highway 64 and the Pine Ridge Avenue Intersection between the City of Merrill and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is approved.

Motion (Sukow/Schwartzman) to adopt. Carried 6-2 on roll call vote. Voting No – Alderman Malm and Alderman Norton.

**1301261 RESOLUTION NO. 2261****A RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT J. ODEGARD FOR HIS EXTENDED SERVICE AND GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL**

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid stable community environment for all of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill has a strong foundation on which to expand, progress, and develop towards an even better community; and,

WHEREAS, Robert J. Odegard has served the City of Merrill as a Firefighter, Motor Pump Operator, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief and Fire Chief from December 31, 1979 to December 31, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Robert J. Odegard's cheerful manner, dedication to Fire Service and to the City of Merrill and his hard work in virtually every area in which he was involved will be greatly missed by the Fire Department and Merrill's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Robert J. Odegard has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Robert J. Odegard's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, Robert J. Odegard's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the Merrill Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Robert J. Odegard has given to the City of Merrill and commends him for those years of service.

Alderman Hass requested that the entire Common Council make a motion to adopt and to second the motion. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Motion (Common Council/Common Council) to adopt. Carried.

**1301262 RESOLUTION NO. 2262****A RESOLUTION HONORING SANDRA W. LUSSENHOP FOR HER EXTENDED SERVICE AND GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL**

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid stable community environment for all of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill has a strong foundation on which to expand, progress, and develop towards an even better community; and,

WHEREAS, Sandra W. Lussenhop has served at the T.B. Scott Library from December 20, 1979 to December, 31, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Sandra W. Lussenhop has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Sandra W. Lussenhop's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, Sandra W. Lussenhop's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the T.B. Scott Library;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Sandra W. Lussenhop has given to the City of Merrill and commends her for those years of service.

Alderman Hass requested that the entire Common Council make a motion to adopt and to second the motion. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Motion (Common Council/Common Council) to adopt. Carried.

**1301270 Mayor's Communications**

Mayor Bialecki noted that the City website has undergone a recent renovation. He thanked City Administrator Johnson, Information Technology Specialist Ron Turner, City Clerk Heideman and all other City staff that have worked on the website.

A second public hearing on the City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Plan had been scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, at 6:00 P.M., in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall.

**1301280** Public Comment Period

Bob Odegard, who recently retired as Fire Chief, stated that it was an honor and a privilege to serve the City. He thanked City administration, Department Heads and City staff for their help over the years. Former Chief Odegard stated that he has confidence that his successor, Dave Savone, will do a fine job.

**1301999** Motion (Hass/Caylor) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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William R. Bialecki  
Mayor

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William N. Heideman, 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 January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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William N. Heideman, WCMC  
City Clerk