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**City of Merrill  
Health and Safety Committee  
Monday, February 25, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.  
City Hall Basement Conference Room, 1004 East First Street**

Voting Members Present (3 of 3): Alderwoman Anne Caylor (Chairperson), Alderwoman Kandy Peterson and Alderman Dave Sukow.

Others Present: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Mayor Bill Bialecki, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Police Chief Ken Neff, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Street Commissioner Richard Lupton, Alderman Steve Hass, Alderman Ryan Schwartzman, Steve Hintze, Chris Marion, Michael Caylor Jr., and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A student was in attendance to videotape the meeting for the Cable Access Channel.

**Call to order**

Alderwoman Caylor called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

**Vouchers**

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to approve the vouchers, as presented. Carried.

**“Picnic” and/or liquor license applications**

None.

**Consider extension of premises request from Berlin’s Trophy Bar**

Berlin’s Trophy Bar, 808 East Main Street, has submitted a request for an extension of premises (a tent at the rear of their establishment) on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in conjunction with a birthday party.

Police Chief Neff noted that, in 2012, Berlin’s Trophy bar had a similar request approved in conjunction with a fundraising event. There were no issues related to that event, and Police Chief Neff has no concerns with this request as submitted.

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Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to approve the request from Berlin's Trophy Bar, 808 East Main Street, for an extension of premises (a tent at the rear of their establishment) beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in conjunction with a birthday party. Carried.

**Request for two 15-minute parking signs @ 1021 E. Main (Robert Johnson)**

Mayor Bialecki had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. He reported that he has received a request from Robert Johnson for the installation of two 15-minute parking signs at 1021 East Main. This is the address at which Mr. Johnson will be opening a pharmacy in March.

Mayor Bialecki noted that Mr. Johnson is a long-time Merrill businessman, and that the signs would provide the elderly and/or disabled parking and easier access to the pharmacy for short periods of time.

Street Commissioner Lupton reported that the cost of installing the signs would be approximately \$100.

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to approve the request for two 15-minute parking signs at 1021 East Main Street. Carried.

No Common Council action on the motion is necessary.

**Discussion on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transfer policy**

Mayor Bialecki had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. Information was in the meeting packet.

It was reported that, at this time, Ministry Good Samaritan Health Center, is not interested in assuming responsibility for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transfers. Mayor Bialecki recommends that Fire Department EMS service only provide one transfer at a time, and only after adequate relief personnel have reported for duty.

Fire Chief Savone issued a reminder that the language of the EMS contracts stipulates that the Fire Department EMS will provide transfer services.

Alderwoman Caylor stated that she would like input from the Lincoln County EMS Committee, in order to comprehend their position on transfers. In the meantime, Standard Operating Procedures will continue to be followed, until this issue is resolved.

Mayor Bialecki and Fire Chief Savone will request that this issue be placed on the next Lincoln County EMS Committee meeting agenda, and they will then attend that meeting.

No action was taken at this time.

### **Nuisance complaints and exterior maintenance report**

The report was in the meeting packet. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck commented that, as a result of addressing issues at problem properties, the report is becoming shorter.

### **Monthly Report – Fire Chief Savone**

The report was in the meeting packet. Alderman Sukow thanked Fire Chief Savone for preparing and submitting a complete and comprehensive report.

Fire Chief Savone distributed a letter from Ministry St. Clare's Hospital. The letter thanked and complimented the Lincoln County-Merrill EMS crew for being an integral part of providing quality care and that the Lincoln County-Merrill EMS crew has helped Ministry St. Clare's receive the 2012 Platinum Performance Achievement Award.

Fire Chief Savone also distributed a letter of gratitude from a resident for the professional treatment he received recently from the EMS paramedics.

Alderwoman Caylor asked questions related to the Backfill Tracking Log Report. Fire Chief Savone stated that he would research those issues and then provide an answer.

### **Monthly Report – Police Chief Neff**

The report was in the meeting packet. Police Chief Neff answered questions on the report. A badge-pinning ceremony for the new Police Officer is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Monthly Report – Lincoln County Humane Society**

The report was in the meeting packet. Alderman Sukow stated that he was pleased to notice that the animal population at the shelter continues to be manageable.

### **Place monthly reports on file**

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to place the monthly reports on file. Carried.

### **Schedule next meeting**

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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