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**City of Merrill
Health and Safety Committee
Monday, June 24, 2013 at 4:30 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, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Police Chief Ken Neff, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Michael Caylor Jr., Cheryl Skoug, Jeremy Ratliff 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 4:30 P.M.

Nuisance complaints and exterior maintenance report

The report was in the meeting packet. Alderman Sukow remarked that he was pleased to see that the City is taking action on nuisance complaints and exterior maintenance issues when it is necessary and appropriate.

Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

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

Picnic license applications (3) from Firefighter Charities for softball tournament

Merrill Fire Department Charities has submitted the applications and paid the fee for three temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented beverages during the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) softball tournament/fundraiser at Ott's Park, August 2-4, 2013.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the applications.

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Motion (Peterson/Sukow) to approve the applications from Merrill Fire Department Charities for three temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages at Ott's Park during the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) softball tournament/fundraiser at Ott's Park, August 2-4, 2013. Carried.

Other beer and/or liquor license applications

None.

Request from Humphrey's Pub to close Genesee St. – Crazy Daze

Information was in the meeting packet. Humphrey's Pub has submitted a request to close Genesee Street, from Main Street to the southern edge of the alley on Crazy Daze, August 15th, 2013. They are also requesting that they be allowed to have outdoor music in that area from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the request.

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Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to approve the 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 15th, 2013, 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. Carried.

Extension of premises request from Youth Hockey – Pork in the Park

Information was in the meeting packet. Merrill Youth Hockey has submitted a request for an extension of premises to sell alcoholic beverages in a fenced-in area outside the Smith Center, 1100 MARC Drive, from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 14th, 2013, in conjunction with a "Pork in the Park" event.

Police Chief Neff reported that this is a new event. He has no concerns with the request.

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Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to approve the request from Merrill Youth Hockey for an extension of premises to sell alcoholic beverages in a fenced-in area outside the Smith Center, 1100 MARC Drive, from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 14th, 2013, in conjunction with a “Pork in the Park” event. In addition to the fencing, wristbands would be used to ensure compliance. Carried.

Consider MABAS Mutual Aid Agreement and related resolution

Information and a proposed resolution were in the meeting packet.

Fire Chef Savone is recommending that the City of Merrill approve the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) agreement and that the Merrill Fire Department join MABAS. Doing so would take mutual aid to a higher level and expand the city’s ability to reach out and secure assistance when local resources are depleted.

Fire Chief Savone reported that the agreement has already been implemented in 60 of the 72 counties in Wisconsin.

Alderswoman Caylor asked if there are options available if Lincoln County does not approve implementation. Fire Chief Savone responded that, in that case, there would be alternative options available with other neighboring counties.

Motion (Peterson/Sukow) to approve the MABAS Mutual Aid Agreement and related resolution. Carried.

The resolution will be on the July 9th, 2013 Common Council meeting agenda.

Monthly Report – Fire Chief Savone

The report was in the meeting packet. Fire Chief Savone reported that the department has received a \$103,000 grant to be used to purchase new cardiac monitors. Construction of the new fire station is coming along well.

Alderman Caylor had some questions on the call-in log. Fire Chief Savone will research these issues.

Alderman Sukow is pleased with the new format of the report.

City Administrator Johnson reported that he has received a letter from the police union, requesting that negotiations on a new contract begin. He anticipates that he will be receiving a similar letter from the fire union shortly.

Monthly Report – Police Chief Neff

The report was in the meeting packet. Police Chief Neff reported that, to date this summer, the overtime hours have not been excessive.

Monthly Report – Lincoln County Humane Society

No report was submitted this month. Alderwoman Peterson reported verbally that new kennels are in use at the shelter. She also reported that there have been problems lately with theft of aluminum can “donations” at the shelter.

Place monthly reports on file

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

Schedule next meeting

Monday, July 22nd, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 4:56 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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City Clerk