

1402160

**City of Merrill  
City Plan Commission  
Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 5:45 P.M.  
City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street**

Voting members present: Mayor Bill Bialecki (Chairperson), Alderman Steve Hass, Melissa Schroeder, Dan Novitch, Ken Maule, James Koppelman and Pete Lokemoen.

Other attendees: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Alderwoman Kandy Peterson and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

**Call to order**

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

**Minutes of January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting**

The minutes were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Hass/Lokemoen) to approve, as presented, the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 City Plan Commission meeting. Carried.

**Petition and resolution: Agra Industries request to vacate portion of Water Street**

Agra Industries Inc., 1211 Water Street, has paid the fee and submitted a petition requesting that a portion of Water Street be vacated. Information related to the petition was in the meeting packet, along with a related resolution.

At a meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, the Board of Public Works recommended approving the petition and resolution and then forwarded those recommendations to the City Plan Commission.

Motion (Hass/Novitch) to approve, as presented, the petition and resolution related to the request from Agra Industries to vacate a portion of Water Street. Carried.

The resolution will be placed on a future Common Council agenda after all publishing requirements have been met.

**Recess**

At 5:50 P.M., Mayor Bialecki announced a recess until 6:00 P.M., the time of the scheduled public hearing.

At 6:00 P.M., Mayor Bialecki called the meeting back to order.

**Hearing: City of Merrill request to rezone three parcels for trail development**

The City of Merrill has submitted an application to rezone three parcels of land (railroad right-of-way) previously owned by Wisconsin Central Limited. The City is requesting that the parcels be rezoned to public, for the purpose of trail development.

City Attorney Hayden read the public hearing notice.

Motion (Hass/Lokemoen) to open the public hearing. Carried.

Nobody spoke for or against the rezoning.

Motion (Hass/Schroeder) to close the public hearing. Carried.

The public hearing was closed at 6:02 P.M.

Motion (Lokemoen/Novitch) to approve the rezoning application. Carried.

An ordinance on the rezoning will be on the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Common Council meeting agenda.

**Next meeting**

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:15 P.M.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Motion (Hass/Schroeder) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC  
City Clerk