

July 8th, 2014

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 7:00 P.M.

140710 Invocation by Pastor Angie Steinhauer, Christ United Methodist Church

140715 Pledge of Allegiance

140720 Roll Call showed the following Common Council members present (6 of 8): Alderman Chris Malm (First District), Alderman Peter Lokemoen (Second District), Alderman Ryan Schwartzman (Third District), Alderwoman Kandy Peterson (Fourth District), Alderman Dave Sukow (Sixth District) and Alderman Tim Meehean (Eighth District). Alderman John Burgener (Fifth District) and Alderman Rob Norton (Seventh District) had excused absences.

The following were also in attendance: City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Clerk Bill Heideman, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Superintendent Kim Kriewald, Street Commissioner Richard Lupton, Airport Manager/FBO John Miller, Police Chief Ken Neff, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl and City Hall Maintenance Supervisor Ramona Vanderkam. Community Enrichment Center Director Jane Deau, Transit Director Rich Grenfell and Park and Recreation Director Dan Wendorf had excused absences.

140725 Public Comment Period

Judy Woller stated that she was interested in making Merrill the best it can be, and with that in mind, she urged the Common Council to proceed in a prudent manner before making a decision on potential City ownership of the fairgrounds. She questioned the wisdom of taking on such a project at this time, and stressed that all research should be completed and public input accepted before any decision on the fairgrounds is made.

140730 Minutes of June Meeting

Motion (Schwartzman/Sukow) to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 10th, 2014 Common Council meeting and approve them as published. Carried.

140740 Revenue and Expense Report – June 2014

Motion (Schwartzman/Meehean) to approve, as submitted, the June 2014 Revenue and Expense report. Carried.

140760 Communications and Petitions

140761 Employee Recognition

City Clerk Heideman read certificates of recognition for the following City employees: Christopher A. Hartwig, 30 years of service, Joy Ellen Annis, 15 years of service.

140790 Committee of the Whole

140791 The Committee recommends lifting the hiring freeze to hire a water treatment plant operator to replace a retiring employee (amended agenda item).

Motion (Schwartzman/Peterson) to adopt. Carried.

1407120 Board of Public Works

1407121 The Board recommends rejecting the bid of \$94,071 from Pember Companies, Inc., on the M-2-2014 Sidewalk Project.

Motion (Schwartzman/Sukow) to reject the bid. Carried.

1407122 The Board recommends rejecting the bid of \$82,293 from Merrill Gravel and Construction, on the Thielman Street Culvert Replacement Project.

Motion (Sukow/Meehean) to reject the bid. Carried.

1407123 The Board recommends approving, as presented, the lease agreement with Carkelsy, Inc., to grant the right to occupy and use a portion of right-of-way on State Highway 64 for parking, convenience store operations and the sale of propane. Based on the standard formula used by the City to calculate right-of-way leases, the prorated lease amount for the remainder of 2014 (July through December) would be \$223.71.

Motion (Schwartzman/Sukow) to adopt. Carried.

1407130 Health and Safety Committee

1407131 The Committee recommends approving the applications from the Fraternal Order of Eagles for five temporary Class “B” (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages in the Eagles Fair Stand (Lincoln County Fairgrounds) during the Lincoln County Fair, July 30-August 3, 2014.

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to adopt. Carried.

1407132 The Committee recommends approving the pawnbroker license application from Park City Pawn (Jason A. Ratzlaff), 1319 East Main Street, contingent upon compliance with the City of Merrill Code of Ordinances Chapter 8, as it relates to pawn shops.

Motion (Meehean/Malm) to adopt. Carried.

1407185 Redevelopment Authority

1407186 The Authority recommends allowing Stephanie Springborn to proceed with building redevelopment at 413 and 419 West Main Street.

Motion (Schwartzman/Sukow) to adopt. Carried.

1407230 Placing Committee Reports on file

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to place the following committee reports on file: Housing Authority, Committee of the Whole, Community Development Committee, Board of Public Works, Health and Safety Committee, Water and Sewage Disposal Committee, City Plan Commission, Library Board, Redevelopment Authority, Enrichment Center Committee on Aging, Airport Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Carried.

1407260 **RESOLUTION NO. 2379**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN AND MERRILL TOOL & WATERJET LLC

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Merrill created Tax Increment District (TID) No. 8 on September 13, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Merrill Tool & Waterjet LLC propose an addition to their equipment at 202 South Thomas Street which is located within TID No. 8; and

WHEREAS, at least three new full-time jobs with potential future job creation will result from this equipment expansion and installation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill finds that the proposed redevelopment and the fulfillment of the items and conditions of the attached Agreement are in the vital and best interest of the City of Merrill, Redevelopment Authority and City residents and serve a public purpose in accordance with State law; and,

WHEREAS, the City and Merrill Tool & Waterjet LLC have negotiated the development agreement to provide an incentive payment to facilitate the equipment expansion;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8th day of July, 2014, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the development agreement by and between the City of Merrill and Merrill Tool and Waterjet LLC to facilitate the implementation thereof.

Motion (Schwartzman/Sukow) to adopt. Carried 6-0 on roll call vote.

1407261 RESOLUTION NO. 2380

A RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN S. BOUCHER 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, John S. Boucher has served in various positions in the Utility and Street Departments from August, 1989 to July 1, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication John S. Boucher 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 John S. Boucher's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, John S. Boucher's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the City of Merrill Water Utility Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8th day of July, 2014, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service John S. Boucher has given to the City of Merrill and commends him for those years of service.

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

1407270 Mayor's Communications

Mayor Bialecki thanked Park City Gardens for their beautification efforts throughout the City.

Road construction in the Pine Ridge area will not be completed for some time. Mayor Bialecki requested that residents be patient.

The annual Relay for Life is scheduled for August 8th and 9th.

The second annual Community Night Out is scheduled for August 15th at Normal Park.

A 100th anniversary celebration of nine Italian families moving to Merrill will be held this weekend at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (MARC). Mayor Bialecki urged everyone to welcome visitors in town for this event.

1407999 Motion (Schwartzman/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

William R. Bialecki
Mayor

William N. Heideman, CMC, 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 July 11th, 2014.

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk