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**City of Merrill  
Health and Safety Committee  
Monday, July 28, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.  
City Hall Basement Conference Room, 1004 East First Street**

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

Others Present Included: Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Police Chief Ken Neff, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Ardis Kort and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A student was in attendance to videotape the meeting for the Cable Access Channel.

**Call to order**

Alderman Sukow called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

**Nuisance complaints and exterior maintenance report**

The report was in the meeting packet. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported that he has been informed by City Attorney Hayden that a court date has been scheduled for one long-term concern.

**Vouchers**

The vouchers were in the meeting packet. Fire Chief Savone answered a question related to the vouchers.

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

**Liquor license application for Gesundheit**

Kort, LLC, Ardis K. Kort, Agent, has applied and paid the fee for a Class "B" (beer) license and a "Class B" (liquor) license for Gesundheit, 1300 East Main Street, effective August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the application.

**1408131**

Motion (Peterson/Malm) to approve the application from Kort, LLC, Ardis K. Kort, Agent, for a Class “B” (beer) license and a “Class B” (liquor) license for Gesundheit, 1300 East Main Street, effective August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Carried.

**Other beer and/or license applications**

None.

**Extension of premises request from Merrill Youth Hockey for “Pork in the Park”**

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, on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in conjunction with a “Pork in the Park” event. In addition to the fencing, wristbands would be used to ensure compliance.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the request.

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Motion (Malm/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, on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in conjunction with a “Pork in the Park” event. In addition to the fencing, wristbands would be used to ensure compliance. Carried.

**Continue considering potential steps to address train whistle noise at night**

This has been an ongoing issue. City Administrator Johnson reported that this issue is “on hold” until school starts in the fall, because traffic counts need to be conducted. This item will be on the August meeting agenda, in order to prepare a plan for conducting the traffic counts.

**Monthly Report – Fire Chief Savone**

The report was in the meeting packet. Fire Chief Savone reported that the Merrill Firefighters Charities Softball Tournament and associated fundraiser will be held at Ott’s Park on August 1-3.

The annual Community Night Out will be held at Normal Park on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Department will be heavily involved in that event.

A badge pinning ceremony will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> for the new captain. That person will be replacing Bob Akey, who will be retiring in August after 32 years of service.

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

The report was in the meeting packet. Police Chief Neff provided verbal information on the annual Community Night Out, scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>. The State Crime Lab will have a display there, as will the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There will be numerous displays, with things to see for children as well as adults.

The annual Citizens Academy is scheduled to begin at the end of September this year. Police Chief Neff provided a verbal overview of this program.

A fundraiser (brat fry) for the Police K-9 unit went well, and also gave the Police Department a positive public relations opportunity. Alderwoman Peterson stated that she was impressed with the statistics related to Eros, the Police K-9 officer.

Alderman Sukow thanked Police Chief Neff and Fire Chief Savone for their complete and comprehensive monthly reports.

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

The Humane Society board did not meet this month, therefore no report was submitted.

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

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

### **Schedule next meeting**

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Motion (Malm/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 4:49 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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City Clerk