

October 14th, 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.

141010 Invocation by Pastor Paul Hohman, New Testament Church

141015 Pledge of Allegiance

141020 Roll Call showed the following Common Council members present (8 of 8): Alderman Chris Malm (First District), Alderman Peter Lokemoen (Second District), Alderman Ryan Schwartzman (Third District), Alderwoman Kandy Peterson (Fourth District), Alderman John Burgener (Fifth District), Alderman Dave Sukow (Sixth District), Alderman Rob Norton (Seventh District) and Alderman Tim Meehean (Eighth District).

The following were also in attendance: Transit Director Rich Grenfell, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Clerk Bill Heideman, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Street Commissioner Richard Lupton, Police Chief Ken Neff, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, City Hall Maintenance Supervisor Ramona Vanderkam and Park and Recreation Director Dan Wendorf.

141025 Public Comment Period

None.

141030 Minutes of September Meetings

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 9th, 2014 and September 16th, 2014 Common Council meetings and approve them as published. Carried.

141040 Revenue and Expense Report – September 2014

Motion (Burgener/Sukow) to approve, as submitted, the September 2014 Revenue and Expense report. Carried.

- 141060** Communications and Petitions
- 141061** Employee Recognition
- City Clerk Heideman read a certificate of recognition for the following City employees: Eleanor A. Schwartz, 40 years of service; Dawn M. Smith, 10 years of service.
- 1410120** Board of Public Works
- 1410121** The Board recommends rejecting both bids for the sale of the former Ranger Station property at 1110 East Tenth Street.
- Motion (Schwartzman/Meehean) to reject both bids. Carried.
- 1410122** Consider bids for the demolition of the former Anson-Gilkey building at 401 South Kyes Street (Mayor Bialecki is bringing these bids directly to the Common Council)
- Motion (Schwartzman/Sukow) to approve the bid of \$112,300 from C & D Excavating, Inc. Carried.
- 1410123** Consider bids as a result of rebidding on the sale of the former Ranger Station property at 1110 East Tenth Street. These bids were due and were opened on October 10th, 2014. This is part of an amended agenda and Mayor Bialecki is bringing this item directly to the Common Council.
- Motion (Meehean/Malm) to approve the bid of \$50,012 from WPE, LLC. Carried.
- 1410140** Personnel and Finance Committee
- 1410141** The Committee recommends approving the request from Police Chief Neff to sell twenty-eight 9mm Baretta handguns, six 9mm Baretta squad rifles and assorted holsters to a federally licensed firearms dealer, per the purchase quote of \$11,170.
- Motion (Schwartzman/Meehean) to adopt. Carried.
- 1410142** The Committee recommends approving the request from Finance Director Unertl to reclassify two Clerk/Treasurer Administrative Assistants from Grade 5, Step J (\$19.288 hourly) to Grade 6, Step J (\$20.235 hourly) on the Clerical and Other Support Personnel Compensation Schedule.

Motion (Schwartzman/Sukow) to refer to the October 16th, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting. Carried.

1410160 City Plan Commission

1410161 The Commission recommends approving the site plan, as submitted by the Lincoln County Humane Society, for a new building at 200 North Memorial Drive.

Motion (Lokemoen/Peterson) to adopt. Carried.

1410230 Placing Committee Reports on file

City Clerk Heideman requested that he be authorized to amend the October 7th, 2014 City Plan Commission minutes, to change a reference to Alderman Hass to Steve Hass. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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

1410240 Mayor's Appointments

Amanda Kostman, to the Redevelopment Authority, term to expire September, 2019

Kevin Cohrs, to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire May 1st, 2019

Paul Wagner, to the Housing Authority, term to expire November, 2019

Motion (Schwartzman/Burgener) to approve the appointments. Carried.

1410250 **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-23**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN FOR REZONING OF LOT 6, BLOCK 4, NATZKE ADDITION (1205 CEDAR STREET), FROM RESIDENTIAL TO THOROUGHFARE COMMERCIAL

Motion (Schwartzman/Sukow) to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Carried.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN FOR REZONING OF LOT 6, BLOCK 4, NATZKE ADDITION (1205 CEDAR STREET), FROM RESIDENTIAL TO THOROUGHFARE COMMERCIAL

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Motion (Schwartzman/Burgener) to adopt. Carried 8-0 on roll call vote.

1410260 RESOLUTION NO. 2392

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP ON EDGEWATER DRIVE AND HIGHLAND DRIVE REQUESTED BY JEFF LOKEMOEN

WHEREAS, Jeff Lokemoen has applied for approval of a division of land by certified survey map pursuant to Code of Ordinances Sections 111-116 for land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and part of Government Lot 4 located in Section 10, Township 31 North, Range 6 East, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, the application was referred to the City Plan Commission which considered the proposed division at a meeting on October 7, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has recommended approval of the land division by certified survey map;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of October, 2014, that the proposed certified survey map presented by Jeff Lokemoen and prepared by Keith J. Walkowski, of Riverside Land Surveying LLC, for land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and part of Government Lot 4 located in Section 10, Township 31 North, Range 6 East, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to so certify the approval of this certified survey map and return the original to the applicant together with a certified copy of this resolution.

Motion (Burgener/Schwartzman) to adopt. Carried.

1410261 RESOLUTION NO. 2393

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION/INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill has established and provides fire protection service for the City and Towns of Merrill, Scott and Rock Falls; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill has the ability to provide said fire protection and the Towns desire to contract with the City to provide said fire protection; and,

WHEREAS, negotiations between the City of Merrill and the Towns of Merrill, Scott and Rock Falls have culminated in an agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of October, 2014, that the Agreement for Fire Protection/Inspections between the City of Merrill and the Towns of Merrill, Scott and Rock Falls, be approved.

Motion (Meehean/Peterson) to adopt. Carried.

1410262 RESOLUTION NO. 2394

A RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN MILLER 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 Miller has served as the Airport Manager and Fixed Based Operator at the Merrill Municipal Airport from February 2005 to September 14, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication John Miller 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 Miller's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, John Miller's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the City of Merrill Municipal Airport;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of October, 2014, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service John Miller has given to the City of Merrill and commends him for those years of service.

Motion (Burgener/Malm) to adopt. Carried.

1410270 Mayor's Communications

A Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the 2015 City budget will be held on Thursday, October 16th. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Common Council Chambers and will begin at 8:00 A.M. It is open to the public.

Mayor Bialecki reminded everyone that the annual Veteran's Day observance will be on November 11th. He urged everyone to take time to remember all veterans.

1410999 Motion (Burgener/Schwartzman) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:24 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 October 16th, 2014.

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk