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**City of Merrill
Health and Safety Committee
Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Basement Conference Room, 1004 East First Street**

Voting Members Present (2 of 3): Alderman Dave Sukow (Chairperson) and Alderwoman Kandy Peterson.

Others Present Included: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Police Chief Ken Neff, Police Captain Corey Bennett, Willie Schult and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

Call to order

Alderman Sukow called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Nuisance complaints and exterior maintenance report

The report was in the meeting packet. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported on the following cases:

201 N. Mill Street – Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel and Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck have now viewed the interior. A Limited Liability Company from South Carolina owns the property. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck stated that, although the house is structurally sound, the presence of mold is an issue. He speculated that a professional mold remover would be required to completely eliminate the mold. At this time, the property is vacant.

718 ½ E. Second St – This complaint was filed by the tenant. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel has inspected and has written orders. This site will need extensive work.

509 ½ E. Seventh St. – Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel has issued orders on this property and will continue to monitor.

403 East St. – Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel is monitoring this property. At this time, the tenant is satisfied with the property conditions.

Vouchers

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

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

Class “A” (liquor) license application from Kwik Trip #386

Kwik Trip Inc., has filed an application and paid the fee for a Class “A” (liquor) license for Kwik Trip #386, 2311 East Main Street.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the application.

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Motion (Peterson/Sukow) to approve the application from Kwik Trip Inc. for a Class “A” (liquor) license for Kwik Trip #386, 2311 East Main Street, effective March 11th, 2015. Carried.

“Picnic” Licenses (3) – Lincoln County Rodeo Assoc. for Rodeo

The Lincoln County Rodeo Association, Inc. has applied and paid the fee for three temporary Class “B” (picnic) licenses to sell fermented beverages at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds during a Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo event on June 12-14, 2015. Information was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the applications.

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Motion (Peterson/Sukow) to approve the applications from the Lincoln County Rodeo Association Inc. for three temporary Class “B” (picnic) licenses to sell fermented beverages at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds during a Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo event on June 12-14, 2015. Carried.

Other picnic and/or liquor license applications

None.

Change of agent for Walgreen’s – Jane Zipperer as agent

Walgreen’s Co. has submitted a change of agent application and paid the change of agent fee.

They are requesting that Jane L. Zipperer be named the agent at Walgreen's #10574, 101 North Center Avenue. Information was included in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the application.

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Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to approve the change of agent application from Walgreens Co., appointing Jane L. Zipperer as agent at Walgreens #10574, 101 North Center Avenue. Carried.

Consider creating licensing and regulation of escorts and escort services

This has been an ongoing discussion at multiple meetings. Alderman Sukow stated that, although issues related to escorts and escort service licensing and regulation are still being considered, they would not be discussed at this meeting.

Ordinances re: snowmobile, UTV and ATV operation within City limits

This has been an ongoing discussion at multiple meetings.

Alderman Sukow reported that ordinance amendment(s) are being considered because the current ordinances are outdated, and because including additional routes for snowmobile, UTV and ATV traffic could increase City tourist revenue.

Since January, an informal group of interested parties has met several times to develop additional City routes/trails. A map of those proposed routes/trails was presented at the meeting. Whenever possible and practical, the trails connect to Lincoln County trails, to allow easy access to the City. Police Chief Neff led the discussion as the map was reviewed.

Signage for the potential new trails was then discussed. Alderman Sukow stated that he hoped that local businesses and snowmobile clubs would participate to help pay for the signage. Discussion was then held on who would be responsible to collect the money that businesses and clubs would donate for signage. It was suggested that the Street Department could be responsible for this. Alderman Sukow stated that he would discuss this possibility with Street Commissioner Lupton.

Two potential ordinance amendments, one on snowmobile operation and the other on UTV/ATV operation, were in the meeting packet. Alderman Sukow recommends approving both ordinances and forwarding them to the Common Council for consideration.

Motion (Sukow/Peterson) to recommend approving the ordinance amending Chapter 36, Article IV, Sections 211 to 217, related to snowmobile operation, and to recommend approving the ordinance amending Chapter 36, Article V, Sections 249-255, related to UTV/ATV operation. Carried.

The two ordinances will be on the March 10th, 2015 Common Council meeting agenda.

Monthly Report – Fire Chief Savone

The report was in the meeting packet. Fire Chief Savone reported that Brad Byer resigned effective January 31st. A new firefighter began service on February 23rd. The eligibility list has now been exhausted, so it will be necessary to create a new eligibility list.

Monthly Report – Police Chief Neff

The report was in the meeting packet. Police Chief Neff reported that the deadline for accepting applications for the vacant Administrative Assistant position has now passed. 90 applications were received. Plans are to select 10 of those applications in order to conduct interviews.

Representatives of six alcohol licensees attended the alcohol compliance workshop held recently. Of those six, three had been issued citations as a result of the recently conducted alcohol compliance checks. Another alcohol compliance workshop will be scheduled in March.

At the request of Alderman Sukow, Police Chief Neff will prepare and provide a list of the licensees that were issued citations recently as a result of the alcohol compliance checks.

Monthly Report – Lincoln County Humane Society

The report was in the meeting packet.

Place monthly reports on file

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

Schedule next meeting

Monday, March 23rd, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion (Peterson/Sukow) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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City Clerk