

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

The Committee of the Whole of the City of Merrill Common Council met in the Basement Conference Room at City Hall on March 16, 2015

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

All alderpersons present.

Also present: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Garth Swanson, Jeremy Ratliff

Due to the excused absence of City Clerk Heideman, it was the consensus of the Committee that City Attorney Hayden and Finance Director Unertl be designated to take minutes of the meeting.

There was no public comment.

**Motion to convene in closed session.**

Motion by Schwartzman, seconded by Meehean to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to consider possible property acquisition. Carried on roll call vote, with Norton voting No.

The Committee asked Garth Swanson to remain in closed session.

1. Discussion was held on the future of City involvement in the operation and management of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.
2. Discussion was held on the potential purchase by City of a parcel of land in the vicinity of Highway 64 and Pine Ridge Avenue, currently owned by Kwik Trip.

At 6:58 p.m. motion by Meehean, seconded by Lokemoen to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

1. Motion by Meehean, seconded by Lokemoen to draft a resolution for consideration at the April Common Council meeting relative to future Fairgrounds operation, and to provide a copy of that proposed resolution to the County Board at its March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Schwartzman, seconded by Meehean to refer the potential purchase of a strip of land, in the vicinity of Highway 64 and Pine Ridge Avenue, owned by Kwik Trip, to the Redevelopment Authority for its consideration and possible action. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.**

Motion by Burgener, seconded by Sukow to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas N. Hayden  
Recording Secretaries

Kathy Unertl