



CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

MINUTES • WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2016

Special Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting started late due to the length of the joint meeting held earlier.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Malm	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Pete Lokemoen	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Ryan Schwartzman	Aldersperson - Third District	Present	
Kandy Peterson	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
John Burgener	Aldersperson - Fifth District & President	Present	
Dave Sukow	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Tim Meehean	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Bill Bialecki	Mayor	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Ray Bloomer, Garth Swanson and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Public Comment

Garth Swanson expressed his concern related to the lack of blacktop on Highland Drive and Edgewater Drive, particularly in light of a potential future increase in vehicular traffic in that area.

Mayor Bialecki mentioned that he plans on scheduling a Committee of the Whole "workshop" type meeting sometime in April, after the Common Council reorganization. He added that the vision/goals for the downtown area would be included on that meeting agenda.

III. Committee of the Whole, City Plan Commission, Redevelopment Authority:

1. Consider recommendation(s) on potential sale of 120 South Mill Street (former Lincoln House site) for \$1.00 (with contingencies, including obtaining potential WHEDA tax credits).

Based on the joint meeting (Committee of the Whole, City Plan Commission & Redevelopment Authority) held earlier in the evening, Mayor Bialecki recommend that this agenda item not be considered. Without objection, it was so ordered.

2. Consider recommendation(s) related to development incentive commitment of up to \$1,085,000 to MSP Real Estate Inc. for 120 South Mill Street (former Lincoln House site, Tax Increment District No. 6)

Based on the joint meeting (Committee of the Whole, City Plan Commission & Redevelopment Authority) held earlier in the evening, Mayor Bialecki recommend that this agenda item not be considered. Without objection, it was so ordered.

IV. Resolutions

1. A Resolution approving a Certified Survey Map on east end of Cotter Avenue, Mathews Street and Jackson Street, requested by Lincoln Storage, Inc. (Resolution #2444).

WHEREAS, Lincoln Storage Inc. has applied for approval of a division of land by certified survey map pursuant to Code of Ordinances Section 111-116 for land located in Part of Assessor's Plat Number 606, located in Government Lot 2 of Section 15 and Government Lot 7 of Section 14, all in Township 31 North, Range 6 East, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin (the "Premises")

WHEREAS, the application was referred to the City Plan Commission which considered the proposed division at a meeting on January 20, 2016; 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 20th day of January, 2016, that the proposed certified survey map presented by Lincoln Storage, Inc. and prepared by Joshua W. Prentice, Wisconsin Land Surveyor involving land located in Part of Assessor's Plat Number 606, located in Government Lot 2 of Section 15 and Government Lot 7 of Section 14, all in Township 31 North, Range 6 East, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

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 (Schwartzman/Meehean) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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V. Ordinances

1. An Ordinance Amending the District Zoning Map of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin for Lots 1, 2, and the E ½ of Lot 3, Block 4 of the Original Plat of Jenny, to rezoning from Business District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for residential/commercial development.

Based on the joint meeting (Committee of the Whole, City Plan Commission & Redevelopment Authority) held earlier in the evening, Mayor Bialecki recommend that this agenda item not be considered. Without objection, it was so ordered.

VI. Closed session(s):

1. The Common Council may convene in closed session per Wisconsin State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing 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 potential purchase of property to facilitate new commercial development in TID No. 3 (East Side).

Motion (Schwartzman/Meehean) to convene in closed session. Carried 7-1 on roll call vote. Voting No - Alderman Norton.

Convened in closed session at 8:10 P.M.

Attending: Malm, Lokemoen, Schwartzman, Peterson, Burgener, Sukow, Norton, Meehean, Bialecki, Johnson, Hayden, Unertl, Pagel and Heideman.

Discussion was held in closed session. The purpose of the closed session was to provide information only. No action was taken in closed session.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (Burgener/Schwartzman) to adjourn. Adjourned (from closed session) at 8:20 P.M.