



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**5:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

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

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Chris Malm	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Kandy Peterson	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
Dave Sukow	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	

Others in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Police Chief Ken Neff, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Alderman Rob Norton, Erik Pfantz, Kyle Gulke and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

**II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:**

**1. Vouchers**

Police Chief Neff and Fire Chief Savone answered questions related to the vouchers.

Motion (Peterson/Malm) to approve.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**2. Nuisance Complaints**

The nuisance complaints were discussed before the vouchers.

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported on the cases in the meeting packet.

Discussion was held on a mold problem in several apartments. The owner will be contacted regarding this reoccurring problem.

Alderman Malm expressed concern that certain cases are not being resolved in a more timely manner.

**III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:**

1. Consider application from CAP Operations, Gail Closser, Agent, for a Class "A" (beer) and a "Class A" (liquor) license for Holiday #71, 702 N. Center Avenue, effective March 15, 2106.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the application.

Motion (Peterson/Malm) to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>Next: 3/8/2016 7:00 PM</b>
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2. Consider application from CAP Operations, Mary J. Hofele, Agent, for a Class "A" (beer) license for Holiday #49, 1312 W. Main Street, effective March 15, 2016.

Police Chief Neff has no concerns with the application.

Motion (Malm/Peterson) to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>Next: 3/8/2016 7:00 PM</b>
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3. Consider application from the Merrill Historical Society, 100 East Third Street, for a temporary Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages and wine at 100 East Third Street on Saturday, April 30, 2016, as part of the 2016 History Hunt.

Police Chief has no concerns with the application.

Motion (Malm/Peterson) to approve.

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4. Any other license application(s):

None.

IV. Other agenda items to consider:

1. Discuss, speed limit, signage and road markings on East Main Street (Court Street to Mill Street).

Erik Pfantz and Kyle Gulke had requested that this item be placed on the agenda.

Mr. Pfantz and Mr. Gulke have concerns that, with the implementation of angle parking, it is more difficult and dangerous for people backing out of parking spots. They also have concerns related to pedestrians, and consequently would like to see a speed limit reduction in that area, as well as additional signage and street markings.

Alderman Sukow responded that the Board of Public Works currently handles these types of issues, and he added that the request was also on the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Public Works meeting agenda.

No action was taken.

2. Discuss and consider Internet Exchange Safe Zone in Merrill

Alderman Rob Norton had requested that this item be placed on the agenda.

Alderman Norton addressed the committee. He began by explaining the correct terminology is Internet Safe Exchange Zone. Establishing such a zone would provide buyers and sellers a safe area to exchange goods and services when buying/selling via the Internet. Alderman Norton is proposing that this zone be established in the parking lot at the Lincoln County Safety Building. Although there are cameras in the parking lot, it is not monitored 24 hours per day. Alderman Norton explained that 24-hour monitoring is not a necessary component of a safe zone.

Fire Chef Savone remarked that the fire station has cameras on all four sides of the building.

Alderman Sukow indicated that it appears the committee is in favor of establishing this zone, as long as it is approved by the Lincoln County Sheriff. The parking lot being suggested for the zone is on county-owned land. Discussion was held on who would be responsible for purchasing a sign for the zone. It was suggested that the City could bear this cost.

No formal action was taken.

**3. Consider Ordinance Repealing Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-151 to eliminate the Parking Commission**

Mayor Bialecki had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. The ordinance is being considered because the Parking Commission has not met for some time, and as of late, the duties assigned to the Parking Commission have actually been assumed by the Board of Public Works.

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**4. Follow-up Report on Alcohol Compliance**

Police Chief Neff reported that all businesses that were required to meet with him to discuss compliance have done so. Also, all eight businesses that were issued citations as a result of the most recent compliance check have attended the server class.

Another round of compliance checks is scheduled to be held in summer.

**V. Monthly Reports:**

**1. Fire Chief Savone**

Fire Chief Savone reported that the new cot purchased by the Bierman Foundation is now in service.

Discussion was held on policies related to transfers that are not medically necessary.

The Community Care Paramedic program is currently being discussed. More information on this program will be available in the next 6 to 8 months.

A new vehicle is scheduled to arrive February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Police Chief Neff**

Police Chief Neff reported that new driver feedback signs are installed and in operation. These new signs were purchased by grant funding and a private donation.

The two newest officers seem to be doing well. A new squad car has arrived. Officer in-service training will be conducted in March.

**3. Lincoln County Humane Society**

The Grand Opening for the new facility will be held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Consider placing monthly reports on file**

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

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
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**VI. Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting**

Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

**VII. Public Comment Period**

There was no public comment.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion (Peterson/Malm) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:48 P.M.