



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES • TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2017

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paul Russell | 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 | |
| Mary Ball | Aldersperson - Sixth District | Present | |
| Rob Norton | Aldersperson - Seventh District | Present | |
| Tim Meehean | Aldersperson - Eighth District | Present | |
| Bill Bialecki | Mayor | Present | |

Also in attendance: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Police Chief Ken Neff, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Library Director Stacy Stevens and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

2. Invocation by Pastor Freddy McMillen, Park City Baptist Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Public Comment Period

Lori Anderson-Malm spoke regarding the potential City purchase of land from Russ Davis Wholesale and subsequent sale to Northcentral Technical College. She has several concerns related to the proposal and urged the Common Council members to vote No on the proposal as it is currently structured.

6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):

1. Minutes of December 13, 2016 meeting

Motion (Burgener/Ball) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):

1. Room Tax Report

Motion (Burgener/Peterson) to place on file. Motion failed 0-8 on roll call vote.

8. General agenda items:

1. New hire (part-time) at the Library has a spouse working part-time in the Transit Department.

Motion (Meehean/Norton) to approve the hiring.

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| RESULT: | APPROVED |
|----------------|-----------------|

9. Health & Safety Committee:

1. Application from Rotary Club of Merrill for a temporary "Class B" (picnic) license to sell wine at the Bell Tower Residence Artisan Fair at Bell Tower Assisi Hall, 1500 O'Day Street, on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Due to time constraints, this application is being brought directly to the Common Council.

Motion (Schwartzman/Norton) to approve.

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| RESULT: | APPROVED |
|----------------|-----------------|

10. Redevelopment Authority:

1. Consider purchase, from Russ Davis Wholesale, property fronting on West Taylor Street, to facilitate development of Northcentral Technical College commercial driving program facility (Tax Increment District No. 11). If approved, the City would purchase the property for \$100,000 and then sell the property to Northcentral Technical College for \$1. The Redevelopment Authority recommends approval.

Motion (Schwartzman/Peterson) to approve.

Motion (Lokemoen) to amend by, in lieu of a City purchase/resale, authorizing the City to offer an interest-free \$100,000 loan to Northcentral Technical College to fund the land purchase. Northcentral Technical College would repay the loan over a period of ten years. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| RESULT: | APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [6 TO 2] |
| AYES: | Russell, Schwartzman, Peterson, Burgener, Ball, Norton |
| NAYS: | Lokemoen, Meehean |

11. Placing Committee Reports on File:

1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Committee of the Whole, Library Board, Redevelopment Authority, Transit Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion (Schwartzman/Norton) to place on file.

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE |
|----------------|-----------------------|

12. Mayor's Appointments:

1. Clyde Nelson to the Redevelopment Authority, tem to expire September 1, 2019.

Motion (Schwartzman/Peterson) to approve.

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| RESULT: | APPROVED |
|----------------|-----------------|

13. Ordinances: (None)
14. Resolutions: (None)
15. Mayor's Communications

Mayor Bialecki thanked Amanda Kostman for her service on the Redevelopment Authority and the Housing Authority.

A City snow emergency is in effect until 6:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 11th.

Mayor Bialecki ended his communication with a "Go Packers" declaration.

16. Adjournment

Motion (Burgener/Ball) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:47 P.M.