



# CITY OF MERRILL

## COMMON COUNCIL

AGENDA • TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2017

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by Pastor Paul Hohman, New Testament Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comment Period
6. Public Hearing(s):
  1. Public Hearing on proposed City of Merrill Comprehensive Plan
7. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):
  1. Minutes of January 10, 2017 meeting
8. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
  1. Revenue and Expense Reports for periods ending December 31, 2016 and January 31, 2017
9. Communications and Petitions:
  1. Claim filed by Kathryn Ellis for damages she allegedly sustained as a result of a fall on Prospect Street on November 8, 2016. The City's insurance carrier recommends that this claim be disallowed. This recommendation is based on the fact that an investigation revealed that the City of Merrill was not negligent or liable for this incident, as the City did not have prior notice of the condition which allegedly caused this incident. A municipality has no liability unless it knew, or should have known, of the existence of the condition and had a reasonable amount of time to repair the condition.
10. General agenda items:
  1. Employee Years of Service Recognition
    - Phillip H. Skoug, 15 years (Fire Department)
    - Mark J. Heckendorf, 30 years (Police Department)
11. Board of Public Works:
  1. Request for Code of Ordinances variance to not install curb and gutter when resurfacing Rio Grande Drive in 2017. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.
  2. Poplar Street (East Fifth Street to East Sixth Street) project. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.
  3. Chestnut Street (East Sixth Street to East Eighth Street) project. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.

4. Highland Drive (entire length), Edgewater Drive (West Grand Avenue to Highland Drive) project. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.
  5. Francis Drive (East Sixth Street to East Eighth Street) project. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.
  6. Hollywood Drive (East Eighth Street to East Tenth Street) project. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.
  7. Center Avenue (O'Day Street to County Highway G) project (Option #2). The Board of Public Works recommends approval.
12. City Plan Commission:
    1. Site Plan for a sign at Tall Pines Community Garden, on the corner of East Sixth Street and Memorial Drive. The City Plan Commission recommends approval.
  13. Community Development Committee:
    1. Consider \$17,500 Economic Development loan to Serce-2-Sisu Fitness and Movement, LLC, 325 E. Second Street, to purchase equipment. The loan would be for a term of seven years, with a 2% interest rate. The City would secure the loan with a second position on a vacant 25-acre land parcel. The Community Development Committee recommends approval.
  14. Health and Safety Committee:
    1. Consider applications from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for seven temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented beverages during fish fries in Bellarmine Hall at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1708 East Tenth Street, on the following dates in 2017: March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, March 24th, March 31st, April 7th and April 14th. Alderwoman Peterson is bringing these applications directly to the Common Council.
  15. Personnel and Finance Committee:
    1. Request to write-off, using the Over-Collected Taxes account, the \$138.35 Personal Property tax bill (duplicate) for Murphy Insurance Group. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.
    2. Request to write-off, using the Over-Collected Taxes account, the \$237.96 Personal Property tax bill (duplicate) for Julie Davis Chiropractor. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.
    3. Consider hiring the wife of a current employee. Mayor Bialecki is bringing this directly to the Common Council.
  16. Placing Committee Reports on File:
    1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Board of Public Works, City Plan Commission, Community Development Committee, Festival Grounds Committee, Health & Safety Committee, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee, Redevelopment Authority and Water & Sewage Disposal Committee.

17. Mayor's Appointments:
  1. Jill Laufenberg to the Housing Authority, term to expire November 10, 2022
18. Ordinances:
  1. An Ordinance deleting Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-139, in order to eliminate the Safety Committee. Mayor Bialecki is bringing this ordinance directly to the Common Council.
19. Resolutions:
  1. A Resolution authorizing an interim City General Fund Loan to Tax Increment District No. 11. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.
  2. A Resolution authorizing a Development Agreement by and between the City and DJC, LLC (David J. Cooper Agency). The Redevelopment Authority recommends approval.
  3. A Resolution authorizing a Development Agreement by and between the City and Northcentral Technical College. The Redevelopment Authority recommends approval.
  4. A Resolution authorizing a Development Agreement by and between the City and Horizon Development Group, Inc. (1905 East 14th Street). The Redevelopment Authority recommends approval.
  5. A Resolution approving a Certified Survey Map (extraterritorial) on Golf Drive in the Town of Scott by Natzke Lands, LLC. The City Plan Commission recommends approval.
  6. A Resolution approving an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit issued to Randy Wixson, RC-N-DI Investments. The City Plan Commission recommends approval.
  7. A Resolution approving ordinance amendments which create revisions to the Lincoln County zoning ordinance related to private on-site waste treatment systems. Mayor Bialecki is bringing this resolution directly to the Common Council.
  8. A Resolution: honoring Linda S. Schuster for her long-time service to the City of Merrill. This resolution is from the Common Council.
20. Mayor's Communications
21. Adjournment

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC  
City Clerk

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