



CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • MONDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderswoman Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kandy Peterson	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
Mary Ball	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Police Captain Corey Bennett and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck had an excused absence.

II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:

1. Nuisance Complaints

The report was in the meeting packet.

In the absence of Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck, City Clerk Heideman reported on the nuisance complaints.

2. Vouchers

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

Motion (Russell/Ball) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications: (None)

IV. Other agenda items to consider:

1. Consider authorization to implement a Community Paramedic Pilot Program between the City of Merrill Fire Department and Ministry Good Samaritan Health Care.

Information was in the meeting packet.

Fire Chief Savone reported that several surrounding communities already have a similar program in place. The program would enable Fire Department staff to make home visits to those who recently (within 48 hours) have been discharged from the hospital.

This program would be funded by the Good Samaritan Health Center Foundation, so there would be no cost to the taxpayers.

Fire Chief Savone answered questions related to the program.

Alderman Russell stated that he would like to gather more information before making a decision. He would like to discuss this further with Robin Schertz, as well as with representatives from three organizations that provide similar services.

Motion (Russell/Ball) to refer this item to either the next regular meeting or a special meeting. The motion also stipulates that Robin Schertz MD FACEP be in attendance. At least one representative from at least one of the following organizations should also be in attendance: Community Care Action Program (CCAP), Community Care of Wisconsin (CCW) and Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

RESULT:	CARRIED
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V. Monthly Reports:

1. Fire Chief Savone

The report was in the meeting packet.

Fire Chief Savone reported that, on March 2nd, the Fire Department will take delivery of the new brush truck.

2. Police Chief Neff

The report was in the meeting packet.

Police Captain Bennett reported that 40 applications were received for the pending open Police Officer position. After reviewing applications and testing, five excellent candidates have been selected. They will be interviewed by the Police and Fire Commission in March.

The selection for the Drug Investigator position will be announced soon.

The Police and Fire Commission has approved the promotions of Dale Bacher and Greg Hartwig to Captain, effective March 13th.

3. Lincoln County Humane Society - No Report Submitted

The report was submitted in time to be included in the meeting packet. It will be included in the March meeting packet.

4. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Ball/Russell) to place on file.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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VI. Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting

Monday, March 27th, 2017 at 5:00 P.M., in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Public Comment Period

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion (Ball/Russell) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:53 P.M.