



CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • MONDAY MARCH 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 Chief Corey Bennett, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Mike Fick, Jeff Voigt, Erin Deates, Diane Goetsch, John Schewe, Galen Bayne-Allison, Scott Zantow and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:

1. Nuisance Complaints

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported that City Attorney Hayden is working on a case on Cleveland Street.

There have been several of the "usual" springtime complaints, and they are being addressed as necessary.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey is handling a case on Memorial Drive.

2. Vouchers

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

Motion (Russell/Ball) to place on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:

1. Application from the Lincoln County Rodeo Association Inc. for three temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the Wisconsin Pro Rodeo, June 9 - June 11, 2017.

Motion (Russell/Ball) to approve.

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2. Application from the Merrill Firefighters Charities for three temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages at Ott's Park in conjunction with the Merrill Firefighters Charities Softball Tournament, August 4 - August 6, 2017.

Motion (Ball/Russell) to approve.

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3. Any other license application(s).

None.

IV. Other agenda items to consider:

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

This was initially discussed at the February 27th, 2017 meeting.

Alderman Russell reported that he has met with Dr. Robyn Schertz, who adequately answered his questions related to this issue.

Fire Chief Savone and Alderman Russell then addressed questions from Alderwoman Ball.

Alderwoman Peterson then stated that she would accept verbal public input on this issue.

Diane Goetsch stated that she had contacted several people/agencies to discuss this. In her opinion, the provider (hospital) is responsible for providing this service. Alderwoman Ball agreed that the provider should be responsible for this service.

Erin Deates stated that, in this type of follow-up care, patient compliance is a major issue.

Alderwoman Ball questioned how many people would benefit from this service. She would like to see more exact data, rather than just being told a "large number". She thinks that this service might be a better fit in other communities, and at this time she does not consider it a necessity in our community.

Alderman Russell is seeking additional data, so he asked Fire Chief Savone if he could provide that within 30 days. Fire Chief Savone stated that he could, but that he would prefer an "up or down" vote on the project at this time.

Motion (Peterson) to recommend moving forward to implement the program. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Alderman Russell requested that Fire Chief Savone compile a detailed report of Fire Department costs related to the project, as well as additional details on the grant. This information will then be considered at either the next regular meeting or at a special meeting. No action was taken at this time.

V. Agenda items related to Mobile Food Vendors:

1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Article XII, Section 8-330 to add Mobile Food Vendors.

The issues related to mobile food vendors have been discussed at several previous meetings.

Alderman Ball stated that, based on discussions at previous meetings, Section "J" of the ordinance should state that the boundary line should be 250 feet, rather than 500 feet. This would make it compatible with Section "B".

Alderwoman Peterson asked for verbal public input on this issue.

Mike Fick stated that, based on discussions previous meetings, he thinks that Section "F" should not differentiate between public and private parking lots. City Attorney Hayden respectfully disagreed with this. Mike Fick also stated that he would like to see the boundary lines in Sections "B" and "J" be 500 feet, rather than 250 feet.

Motion (Ball/Russell) to recommend approving the ordinance, with two amendments. The first amendment would be the addition of the words "or private" after first instance of the word "public" in Section "B". The second amendment would be the deletion of the first instance of the word "not" in Section "F".

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2. Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Section 1 to add licensing fees for Mobile Food Vendors.

Motion (Russell/Ball) to approve, with an amendment to establish the fee for Lincoln County vendors at \$150 and vendors outside of Lincoln County at \$200. The "home base" of the business would be determined by the county in which the health license was obtained.

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3. Ordinance Amending Chapter 28, Article 1, Section 28-1(c) (25), related to Mobile Food Vendor operations in City parks.

Motion (Russell/Ball) to approve, as presented.

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4. Mobile Food Vendor permit application form.

Motion (Russell/Ball) to approve the form, as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED

VI. Monthly Reports:

1. Fire Chief Savone

The report was in the meeting packet.

2. Police Chief Bennett

The report was in the meeting packet.

The pending hiring in the Police Department should occur by the end of April.

3. Lincoln County Humane Society

The report was in the meeting packet.

It is possible that a potential Eagle Scout may be building a gazebo in the "dog run" area of the facility.

4. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Russell/Ball) to place on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

VII. Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting

Monday, April 24th, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VIII. Public Comment Period

None.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING (6:00 P.M.)

1. Public Hearing on application from Eric Maluegge, 900A S Foster Street, to allow one household to have more than four (but six or less) dogs.

Motion (Ball/Peterson) to open the public hearing. Carried.

Erin Deates explained the reasons for the application.

Police Chief Bennett reported that he has conducted an inspection, and that he has no concerns with the application as presented.

Motion (Russell/Ball) to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion (Russell/Ball) to approve the permit application.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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X. Adjournment

Motion (Russell/Ball) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:54 P.M.