



CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Aldерwoman Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

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

Other attendees included: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Mayor Bill Bialecki, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Alderman Ryan Schwartzman, Jeff Voigt and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:

1. Nuisance Complaints

The nuisance complaints were in the meeting packet.

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported on the following cases:

Cleveland Street: This is currently in the court system. City Attorney Hayden provided additional information on this case.

Memorial Drive: Concerns related to water. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel is currently working on this case.

East Main Street: Complaint related to rats in an unoccupied building. Cleanup has been conducted, and the complainant is now satisfied.

Park Street: Bedbug issue. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck is addressing. Enforcement scope is somewhat limited, because bedbugs are considered a nuisance but not a health hazard.

2. Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

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

Motion (Ball/Russell) to place on file.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:

1. Application from Merrill Baseball Boosters for a Class "B" picnic license to sell fermented malt beverages inside Athletic Park during baseball games on May 7th, 2017. (Committee recommendation will be forwarded to the April 26th Special Common Council meeting)

Motion (Russell/Ball) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 4/26/2017 5:30 PM
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2. Applications from Merrill Baseball Boosters for 28 temporary Class "B" picnic licenses to sell fermented malt beverages inside Athletic Park during baseball games on the following dates in 2017: May 21st, June 3rd, June 7th, June 8th, June 13th, June 14th, June 16th, June 18th, June 19th, June 20th, June 21st, June 25th, June 28th, July 5th, July 6th, July 7th, July 8th, July 9th, July 10th, July 13th, July 16th, July 19th, July 21st, July 26th, July 27th, July 28th, July 29th, and July 30th. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Ball/Russell) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 5/9/2017 7:00 PM
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3. Any other license application (s).

None.

City Clerk Heideman provided a verbal timetable for 2017-2018 liquor, bartender and cigarette license renewals.

IV. Other agenda items to consider:

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

This has been discussed at several previous meetings.

A document had previously been distributed to committee members. Note: The City Clerk did not receive a copy for filing. Fire Chief Savone provided details related to that document.

Alderwoman Ball stated that she still has several concerns, including potential liability and the possibility of the paramedics being interrupted while in the process of providing this service. Alderman Russell stated that he shared some of her concerns. Fire Chief Savone answered several questions posed by Alderman Russell.

Mayor Bialecki spoke in favor of implementing the plan. Alderman Russell stated that he also would support plan implementation. Alderwoman Peterson stated that implementing the plan would provide a valuable service, and there was no reason to delay implementation.

Alderman Russell stated that he would like to see approval of the plan contingent upon there being no additional costs associated with the plan. He would also want the Fire Chief to include information on the plan in his monthly report, and to provide a more detailed report approximately four to six months after plan implementation.

Motion (Peterson/Russell) to approve implementation of the plan. Carried, with Alderwoman Ball voting No.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. Discussion on existing ATV and Snowmobile Ordinances.

Alderwoman Peterson reported that she has received several complaints of people violating these ordinances. At this time, she is not seeking a change, but would prefer that education and enforcement are used as tools to enforce the current ordinances.

Police Chief Bennett provided verbal information related to this issue.

No action was taken at this time.

V. Monthly Reports:

1. Fire Chief Savone

The report was in the meeting packet.

Fire Chief Savone reported that the latest Fire Academy had graduation recently.

2. Police Chief Bennett

The report was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett reported that a new officer, Wyatt Pufall, took the oath and began work on April 24th.

Various training is ongoing.

In light of several recent incidents, Alderman Russell asked Police Chief Bennett if he was satisfied with the current protective equipment. Police Chief Bennett replied that there is additional/better equipment that would no doubt be beneficial, but at this time there are no funds budgeted for such equipment. In response, Alderman Russell requested that Police Chief Bennett develop a list of this equipment, along with cost estimates, for consideration at a future meeting.

3. Lincoln County Humane Society

The report was in the meeting packet.

4. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Russell/Ball) to place on file.

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

Monday, May 22nd, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Public Comment Period

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion (Russell/Ball) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:49 P.M.