



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • MONDAY JULY 24, 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, Scott Sense, Bea Lebal, Larry Hampel and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

**II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:**

**1. Nuisance Complaints**

The nuisance complaint report was in the meeting packet. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck provided a verbal status report on all cases.

**2. Vouchers**

The voucher report was in the meeting packet. Fire Chief Savone answered questions related to the vouchers.

Motion (Ball/Russell) to place on file.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:**

1. Application from Dixie Land BBQ, LLC, Scott A. Sense Agent, for a Class "B" (beer) and a "Class C" (wine) license for Dixie Land BBQ, 608 East Second Street, effective August 9, 2017.

Motion (Russell/Ball) to approve.

**RESULT: APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL** **Next: 8/8/2017 7:00 PM**

**2. Any other license application(s)**

None.

**IV. Other agenda items to consider:**

1. Request from Rick Scott to reinstate the two-hour parking limitation on the east side of the 100 block of N. Scott Street.

The request was in the meeting packet.

Motion (Ball/Russell) to approve the request. If the request is approved, it will be considered via ordinance by the Common Council.

**RESULT:****APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL****Next: 8/8/2017 7:00 PM**

2. Referral from July 11, 2017 Common Council meeting on petition related to alfalfa piles and other refuse at Great Lakes Alfalfa Company.

At a meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a petition containing 51 signatures was submitted to the Common Council. In turn, the Common Council referred the petition to the Health and Safety Committee. A copy of the petition was in the meeting packet. The petition is related to two pile of alfalfa and a variety of refuse placed at foot of South Prospect Street. The petitioners are concerned citizens who urge their civic leaders to act now to force the responsible parties of the Great Lakes Alfalfa Company to remove the tires, the plastic sheeting, the decaying piles of alfalfa and the demolition refuse from their neighborhood as soon as possible.

City Administrator Johnson reported that the alfalfa piles have been reduced, although it appears that the alfalfa is coming in faster than it is being removed. The site is in an industrial zone, so the City's options are limited. The State of Wisconsin has been contacted about potential runoff issues, but the state has no concerns with that.

Noise concerns from the alfalfa facility were then discussed. To date, there has been no proof that decibel levels have exceeded the levels allowed by ordinance.

Bea Lebal, 115 South Prospect Street, stated that she was pleased to know that the refuse is being removed. She appreciates all that has been done, but there is more work to do. She questioned why numerous tires are not allowed in a residential area but are allowed in an industrial area.

Larry Hampel, 200 West Riverside Avenue, stated his opinion that it appears this a "plan gone awry". He does not think that the Great Lakes Alfalfa Company has been a very good neighbor. He has concerns related to noise, particularly from the tractors at the facility. City Attorney Hayden will research the noise issues.

Alderwoman Ball and Alderman Russell suggested that the City write a letter the Great Lakes Alfalfa Company, to relay the concerns expressed by the petition and at the current meeting. They suggested including a copy of the petition with that mailing. City Administrator Johnson and City Attorney Hayden will prepare the mailing.

No formal action was taken at this time. This issue will be included on the next Health and Safety Committee meeting agenda.

V. **Monthly Reports:**

1. **Fire Chief Savone**

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Fire Chief Savone distributed a Community Care Paramedic Status report. The new ambulance should arrive in approximately three weeks. Alderman Ball thanked the Fire Department for their presence at the airport during a recent aerial race.

## 2. Police Chief Bennett

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett reported that advertising for a new Police Officer has occurred.

Alderman Russell expressed gratitude to the Police Department and the Fire Department for their participation in the annual Merrill Lobster Fest.

Alderman Russell complimented School Resource Officer (SRO) Mark Heckendorf on his SRO report for the 2016-2017 school year.

## 3. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Russell/Ball) to place the monthly reports on file.

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
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## VI. Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

## VII. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

## VIII. Adjournment

Motion (Ball/Russell) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:48 P.M.