



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • MONDAY AUGUST 28, 2017**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**5:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

Aldemran 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	Absent	

Also in attendance: Police Chief Corey Bennett, Fire Battalion Chief Mike Drury, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Don Boquist and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

**II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:**

**1. Nuisance Complaints**

Due to a change in the order of agenda items, this item was addressed after the refund request agenda item.

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported that orders have been written for the vast majority of cases being addressed by Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel.

Police Chief Bennett and Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck answered questions related to specific cases.

**2. Vouchers**

Fire Battalion Chief Drury answered questions on the vouchers.

Motion (Peterson/Ball) to place on file.

<b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
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**III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:**

1. Application from Merrill Hotel Group LLC, Brian Wogernese, Agent, for a Class "B" (Beer) & "Class B" (Liquor) license for the Badger Hotel, 3209 E. Main Street, Merrill, effective September 13th, 2017.

Police Chief Bennett has no concerns with the application as submitted, and he recommends approval.

Motion (Ball/Peterson) to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>Next: 9/12/2017 7:00 PM</b>
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2. Any other license application(s)

None.

IV. Other agenda items to consider:

1. Request from Don Boquist for refund of 2017-2018 liquor license fee for the Badger Hotel located at 3209 E. Main Street.

Alderwoman Peterson requested that she be allowed to change the order of agenda items and consider the refund request from Don Boquist as the first agenda item. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Don Boquist explained his reasoning for the refund request. City Clerk Heideman recommended that, if a refund is approved, it should be prorated, based on the number of months Mr. Boquist actually possessed the license. He also recommended that, if a refund is approved, it should be contingent upon approval of a license for Merrill Hotel Group, at the same location.

Motion (Ball/Peterson) to approve a prorated refund, contingent upon approval of a license for Merrill Hotel Group, at the same location. The prorated amount of the refund would be based on the number of months Mr. Boquist actually possessed the license.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>Next: 9/12/2017 7:00 PM</b>
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2. Status report on petition related to alfalfa piles and other refuse at Great Lakes Alfalfa Company.

Alderwoman Peterson announced that, because City Administrator Johnson was not in attendance, this agenda item would not be discussed. However, for now, this agenda item will continue to appear on future agendas.

V. Monthly Reports:

1. Fire Chief Savone

Fire Battalion Chief Drury distributed a monthly status report on the Community Care Paramedic program. Progress on that has been slow this month.

The annual Community Night Out was successful.

Three local businesses (Church Mutual, Park City Credit Union and Weinbrenner) have purchased and donated an extinguisher “prop” to the Fire Department.

400,000 gallons of water were used at the Victory Lane fire.

2. Police Chief Bennett

Alderwoman Peterson thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their work on the annual Community Night Out. She then extended sympathy to the family of Ron Turner, a former Police Officer who passed away recently.

**3. Lincoln County Humane Society**

Alderwoman Peterson answered a question posed by Alderwoman Ball. Occasionally, some cats are taken to PetSmart in hopes that they will be adopted.

**4. Consider placing monthly reports on file**

Motion (Peterson/Ball) to place 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, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

**VII. Public Comment Period**

None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion (Peterson/Ball) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:34 P.M.