



CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

AGENDA • TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by Pastor Andy Perry, Bible Presbyterian Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comment Period
6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):
 1. Minutes of August 8, 2017 meeting and August 23, 2017 meeting
7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
 1. Revenue & Expense Report for Period Ending August 31, 2017
8. Communications and Petitions:
 1. Claim filed by Rachel Stiver for vehicle damages she sustained as a result of driving into and/or over a pothole on State Street (near Tannery Road) on May 21, 2017. The City's insurance carrier is recommending that this claim be disallowed. This recommendation is based on the fact that an investigation proved that the City was not negligent or liable for this incident, as the City had no prior knowledge that the pothole in question existed. A municipality has no liability unless it knew, or should have known, of the existence of the condition and had a reasonable time to repair the condition.
 2. Petition for Direct Annexation from Max Peterson and Grant Peterson, for property they own in the Town of Merrill, lying contiguous to the City of Merrill. This petition should be referred to both the Board of Public Works and the City Plan Commission.
9. General agenda items:
 1. Employee Years of Service Recognition:

Thomas N. Hayden, 15 years (City Attorney)
10. Board of Public Works:
 1. Street Use Permit application from The Haunted Sawmill to close Hendricks Street (from 7th to 8th Street) from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on October 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, and 31st, 2017, for a Haunted House Event. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.
 2. Consider bids submitted for the 2017 Paving Project II, M2017-15. Mayor Bialecki is bringing the bids directly to the Common Council. A bid summary will be provided at the meeting.

3. Consider bids submitted for the 2017 Asphaltic Paving, River Bend Trail, M2017-16. Mayor Bialecki is bringing the bids directly to the Common Council. A bid summary will be provided at the meeting.
11. Health and Safety Committee:
 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. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.
 2. Request from Don Boquist for refund of 2017-2018 liquor license fee for the Badger Hotel located at 3209 E. Main Street. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approving a prorated refund (\$450), based on the number of months Mr. Boquist possessed the license. The Health and Safety Committee also recommends that the refund be contingent upon the approval of a license for the Merrill Hotel Group, at the same location.
 3. Consider application from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1708 East Tenth Street, for a temporary Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages and wine at 1708 East Tenth Street (inside and on grounds) on Sunday, October 8, 2017, as part of a fall festival. Alderman Russell is bringing this application directly to the Common Council.
 12. Personnel and Finance Committee:
 1. 2018-2020 assessment maintenance contract with Bowmar Appraisal. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.
 2. Consider Preliminary Borrowing Plan for Tax Increment Districts (TIDs) No. 3 and No 4. Mayor Bialecki is bringing this plan directly to the Common Council.
 13. Placing Committee Reports on File:
 1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Board of Public Works, City Plan Commission, Committee of the Whole/Redevelopment Authority/Community Development, Festival Grounds Committee, Health and Safety Committee, Joint Review Board, Library Board, Merrill Area Housing Authority, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel and Finance Committee and Redevelopment Authority.
 14. Mayor's Appointments:

Sheila Polak to the Redevelopment Authority, term to expire September 1, 2022.

Joan Tabor, to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire May 1, 2022.

Lyle Banser to the Airport Commission, term to expire October 1, 2023.

Nicole Johnson to the Police and Fire Commission, term to expire May 1, 2021.

15. Ordinances:
 - None.
16. Resolutions:
 1. A Resolution approving Merrill Area Housing Authority request to continue and adjust Payment in Lieu of Taxes and support of renovation program. This resolution has been on previous Common Council meeting agendas, but, due to quorum-related issues, consideration has been delayed.
 2. A Resolution approving a Certified Survey Map on Highway County Road "G" and US Highway "51" in the Town of Merrill by G&M Peterson LLC and the City. The City Plan Commission recommends approval.
 3. A Resolution authorizing City purchase of vacant land fronting on Lincoln County Highway "G", from G&M Peterson, LLC, for future Industrial/Business Park. The Redevelopment Authority and the Committee of the Whole recommend approval.
 4. An Initial Resolution authorizing \$310,000 General Obligation Bonds for street improvement projects.
 5. An Initial Resolution authorizing \$1,030,000 General Obligation Bonds for Fire Department equipment.
 6. An Initial Resolution authorizing \$1,275,000 General Obligation Bonds for Community Development projects in Tax Incremental District Nos. 7,8,9 and 11.
 7. An Initial Resolution authorizing \$615,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.
 8. A Resolution directing publication of notice to electors.
 9. A Resolution providing for the sale of not to exceed \$3,230,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds.
 10. A Resolution providing for the sale of \$860,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes.
17. Mayor's Communications
18. Adjournment

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk

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