



**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MINUTES • THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Pete Lokemoen	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Ryan Schwartzman	Aldersperson - Third District	Present	
Kandy Peterson	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
John Burgener	Aldersperson - Fifth District & President	Present	
Mary Ball	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Tim Meehean	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Bill Bialecki	Mayor	Present	

Also in attendance: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Park and Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Kortney Pike, Kody Gipple, Roger Drewek, David Graveen, Vince Conrad, Craig Berndt, John Preuss and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Public Comment Period

None.

III. Agenda items for consideration:

1. Options for 2018 City employee group health insurance

Representing M3 Insurance, John Preuss distributed information and led discussion on the pending 2018 employee health insurance renewal. Note: The City does not have health insurance with M3, but M3 researched the City's pending renewal with Security Health.

The main topics of discussion were:

- 2018 Renewal
- Renewal Analysis
- Benchmarking
- Recommendations
- Questions/Next Steps

Finance Director Unertl reported on state levy limits and other factors as they relate to employee health insurance.

Alderman Meehean stated that he was not ready to make any employee health insurance decision at this time. He would prefer to make a decision after the impact of employee health insurance on the City's 2018 budget is clearer.

No action was taken at this time.

2. Potential date(s) for 2018 budget Committee of the Whole meeting(s)

A Committee of the Whole 2018 budget meeting was scheduled for Friday, October 20th, 2017. It will be held in the City Hall Common Council Chambers and will begin at 8:00 A.M.

IV. Adjournment

Motion (Burgener/Schwartzman) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:44 P.M.