



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**MINUTES • MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 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.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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	5:15 PM
Tim Meehean	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Bill Bialecki	Mayor	Present	

Also in attendance: Police Chief Corey Bennett, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Greg Hartwig, Kathy Seubert, John Preuss, Diane Stroik, Andrew Koehl and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

**II. Public Comment Period**

None.

**III. Continued Consideration of 2018 Budget Requests**

**1. City Group Health Insurance - recommended switch to AspirusArise**

Motion (Lokemoen/Meehean) to approve, as presented, the Aspirus/Arise option (HDHP - Non-Embedded Deductible, Aspirus Narrow Network) as the City's 2018 employee health insurance provider/plan.

A representative from M3 Insurance (John Preuss) and two representatives from Aspirus/Arise (Andrew Koehl and Diane Stroik) provided information and answered questions on the plan.

If the Aspirus/Arise plan is approved, the next two steps would be employee education and the creation of an electronic data file that Security Health, the City's current employee health insurance provider, would prepare and submit to Aspirus.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**2. Update on Preliminary Tax Levy**

Finance Director Unertl reported that she has no numbers to report at this time. Up-to-date proposed detailed budgets have been distributed.

**3. Any other 2018 budget items**

None.

IV. Adjournment

Motion (Burgener/Schwartzman) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:24 P.M.