



CITY OF MERRILL
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES • TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Schwartzman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ryan Schwartzman	Aldersperson - Third District	Present	
Tim Meehean	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Alderwoman Kandy Peterson, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Library Director Stacy Stevens (arr. 5:02) and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Vouchers:

1. Vouchers for October, 2017

Motion (Meehean/Russell) to place on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

III. Agenda items for consideration:

1. Review and discussion regarding dog licensing

Information was in the meeting packet.

Finance Director Unertl reported that, effective December 1st, 2018, Lincoln County will no longer sell dog licenses. The City must consider several options, including taking over this responsibility.

It was suggested that research be conducted to obtain dog licensing information from other municipalities.

Discussion on this will continue at the next meeting.

IV. Monthly Reports:

1. Municipal Court

The report was in the meeting packet.

2. Finance Director Unertl

The report was in the meeting packet.

Nine employees have waived the health insurance for 2018. Employees seem to be thoughtfully considering health insurance issues.

3. City Attorney Hayden

The report was in the meeting packet.

4. City Clerk Heideman

The report was in the meeting packet.

Tax bill calculations have been completed and submitted to Lincoln County.

Candidate packets will be available on November 29th. The first date to obtain signatures on nomination papers is December 1st.

5. City Administrator Johnson

The report was in the meeting packet.

City Administrator Johnson answered questions on the demolition of the former Lincoln County Bank building.

6. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Meehean/Russell) to place on file.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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V. Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VI. Public Comment Period

None.

VII. Closed session(s):

1. The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) & (g) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in, to confer with legal counsel regarding advice related to ongoing Police and Fire union negotiations.

Motion (Meehean/Russell) to convene in closed session pursuant to the Wisconsin State Statutes specified on the agenda. Motion carried 3-0 on roll call vote.

Convened in closed session at 5:13 P.M. Attending: Schwartzman, Russell, Meehean, Johnson, Unertl, Peterson, Bennett and Savone.

City Administrator Johnson reported on the status of contract negotiations with the Fire and Police unions.

Discussion was held on the union contract negotiations and the City vacation policy. It appears that the City is close to reaching agreements with both unions.

VIII. Agenda item(s) after returning to open session:

1. The Committee may reconvene in open session to take potential action(s) on closed session issue(s).

The Committee opted not to reconvene in open session.

IX. Adjournment

Motion (Meehean/Russell) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned (from closed session) at 5:58 P.M.