



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • MONDAY JANUARY 29, 2018**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**5:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

Alderswoman Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Kandy Peterson	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
Mary Ball	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Excused	
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Fire Battalion Chief Scott Krause and Hollie Stoerzer. City Clerk Heideman had an excused absence.

**II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:**

**1. Nuisance Complaints**

The report was in the meeting packet.

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported on the current cases. Some cases have been extended to allow potential solutions when weather improves. All other cases are either closed or pending in the court system.

**2. Vouchers (October, November & December)**

Motion (Russell/Peterson) to place on file.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:**

None.

**IV. Other agenda items to consider:**

**1. Request from Hollie Stoerzer to discuss ordinances related to animal care, housing and abuse.**

Hollie Stoerzer appeared at the meeting and explained that she wants to ensure that, as much as possible, state statutes and local ordinances protect animals from abuse.

Police Chief Bennett stated that statute and/or ordinance language sometimes actually hinders the Police Department from taking action. In those cases, offering potential solutions is the maximum allowable scope of their involvement.

The committee agreed that more research on this subject needs to be conducted. City Attorney Hayden will be asked to review the state statutes and local ordinances. Alderswoman Peterson will conduct research to determine the powers/limitations of the Lincoln County Humane Society in addressing animal abuse cases.

No action was taken at this time.

2. Presentation from Police Chief Bennett on community maps/traffic crash data.

Police Chief Bennett gave a presentation a new method of accessing online data related to traffic crashes.

His presentation explained how the public can access the data, why the data is important and what can be learned from the data.

To locate these maps online, go to [communitymaps.com/crash](http://communitymaps.com/crash). The public can also contact the Police Department with any questions and/or comments.

No action was necessary, requested or taken.

V. Monthly Reports:

1. Fire Chief Savone (October, November & December)

The reports were in the meeting packet.

2. Police Chief Bennett (October, November & December)

The reports were in the meeting packet.

3. Lincoln County Humane Society (October, November & December)

The reports were in the meeting packet.

4. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Russell/Peterson) to place on file.

VI. Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Public Comment Period

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion (Russell/Peterson) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:50 P.M.