



CITY OF MERRILL
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES • WEDNESDAY MARCH 28, 2018

Regular Meeting **City Hall Council Chambers** **4:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Pete Lokemoen	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Ryan Schwartzman	Aldersperson - Third District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Bill Bialecki	Mayor	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Alderwoman Kandy Peterson (arr. 4:43), Alderman John Burgener (arr. 4:33), Joseph Breaman, David Breaman, Tasha Gleason, Jeremy Ratliff (arr. 4:02) and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

2. Preliminary items:

1. Vouchers

Motion (Schwartzman/Norton) to place on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
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3. Other agenda items for consideration:

1. Appeal of charges for snow removal at 600 East Second Street.

Qemal Alimi stated that he was willing to pay some of the total bill, but he thought that \$1,800 was excessive. He noted that he did not get any notice, because the bills were mailed to 600 East Second Street. This is the mailing address on record associated with the property, but Mr. Alimi did not see the bills because he does not reside at that address.

Motion (Schwartzman/Lokemoen) to approve a one-time adjustment (from \$1,800 to \$900) on the snow-removal charges for 600 East Second Street.

RESULT: APPROVED
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2. Appeal of charges for snow removal at 111 South Oregon Street.

Street Superintendent Bonack reported that he was informed by the landlord that the tenants moved out without informing him.

Alderman Lokemoen noted that the landlord did receive notice, and therefore he does not think an adjustment is appropriate in this case. Alderman Schwartzman agreed with that.

No action was taken.

3. Petition from Breaman Investments Inc. (and related resolution) to vacate a portion of Cedar Street.

This was originally on the February meeting agenda, but was delayed because one of the adjoining property owners was out of the country at the time.

Alderman Lokemoen introduced a list of concerns from James Asinas. Mr. Asinas does not feel that there is a safety issue associated with the petition. Mr. Lokemoen reported that the Police Department shows no record of accidents related to potential safety issues in the area.

The following are other concerns that Mr. Asinas had expressed to Alderman Lokemoen: Snow-plowing, parking, people turning around in his driveway.

Tasha Gleason had several questions for the board. She stated that there is heavy pedestrian traffic in that area and that, in her opinion, it does not make sense to shut that intersection down.

Joe Breaman responded that he is trying to improve his business for his sons.

Alderman Lokemoen stated that the comments he made earlier were on behalf of his constituents.

Snowplowing and garbage pickup issues were then discussed.

Clerk's Note: This petition is scheduled to be considered by the City Plan Commission at a meeting on April 4th, 2018.

Motion (Lokemoen/Norton) to recommend approving the petition to vacate and the associated resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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4. Monthly Reports:

1. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel

The report was in the meeting packet.

The contracts for 2018 sidewalk maintenance have been returned.

2. Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey

The report was in the meeting packet.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey reported on the status of various projects. He also distributed a summary report on 2018 Street Department machinery purchases.

3. Street Superintendent Bonack

The report was in the meeting packet.

4. Consider placing monthly reports on file

Motion (Schwartzman/Norton) to place on file.

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

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

6. Public Comment Period

Alderman Schwartzman thanked everyone for their help during his tenure on the board.

7. Adjournment

Motion (Schwartzman/Norton) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 4:53 P.M.