



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES • THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**5:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dave Sukow	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Mayor Derek Woellner, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Fire Department Battalion Chief Phil Skoug, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

**II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:**

**1. Nuisance Complaints**

The report was in the meeting packet. Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported on the current cases.

A new nuisance complaint report format is being developed. Hopefully, this new format will make the reports easier to understand.

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported that he has received several complaints related to rats, which is typical in the spring. None of the cases appear to be severe.

**2. Vouchers**

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

<b>RESULT:            APPROVED</b>
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**III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:**

1. Applications from Merrill Baseball for 20 temporary Class "B" picnic licenses to sell fermented malt beverages inside Athletic Park during baseball games on the following dates in 2018: May 17th, June 3rd, June 4th, June 7th, June 12th, June 13th, June 17th, June 18th, June 24th, June 25th, June 26th, June 27th, June 28th, July 3rd, July 5th, July 6th, July 7th, July 8th, July 9th, and July 22nd.

Police Chief Bennett has no concerns with the applications as presented.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>Next: 5/8/2018 7:00 PM</b>
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2. Applications from the Merrill Firefighters Charities for three temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages at Ott's Park in conjunction with the Merrill Firefighters Charities Softball Tournament, August 3 - August 5, 2018.

Police Chief Bennett has no concerns with the applications as presented.

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED &amp; SENT TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>Next: 5/8/2018 7:00 PM</b>
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IV. Other agenda items to consider:

1. Consider request from John Kaufman for a sign limiting parking time in front of his business at 308 Grand Avenue.

It was noted that the City does not currently use 15-minutes parking signs, which is what Mr. Kaufman originally requested.

Police Chief Bennett stated that, if a sign is installed for one business, other businesses could then apply for a similar sign in front of their business.

It was suggested that Mr. Kaufman should be encouraged to call the Police Department when he sees violations, and, if necessary, the Police Department will mark tires in the area. Police Chief Bennett will contact Mr. Kaufman to discuss this suggestion.

No action was taken at this time.

2. Review 2018-2019 Liquor License Renewal Schedule

The renewal scheduled was in the meeting packet. City Clerk Heideman provided additional verbal details.

No action was necessary, requested or taken.

3. Discuss safety concerns at the skateboard park.

Alderman Russell had placed this item on the agenda, because discussion of a new location for the skateboard park may be revisited soon. In his opinion, there is heavy traffic in the area of the present site, and therefore he has safety concerns.

Police Chief Bennett reported that the ban on "lighted" street crossings has been lifted, and that municipalities can now apply to the state for potential installation of these crossings on state highways.

City Administrator Johnson stated his opinion that Merrill needs a new skateboard park. He added that he would be willing to approach the Bierman Foundation for potential funding, but that plans would have to be prepared before those discussions could occur.

Mayor Woellner stated that people his age seemed to prefer Streeter Square as a new skateboard site. He will discuss this whole issue with the Parks and Recreation Commission chairperson.

V. **Monthly Reports:**

1. **Intermin Fire Chief Krause**

The report was in the meeting packet.

Battalion Chief Skoug reported that the Community Paramedic Program is up and running and is starting to get busier.

2. **Police Chief Bennett**

The report was in the meeting packet.

3. **Lincoln County Humane Society**

The report was in the meeting packet.

Alderman Russell stated that he plans on contacting the Humane Society to ask if anyone would like to attend future Health and Safety Committee meetings to report on Humane Society activities and answer questions.

4. **Consider placing monthly reports on file**

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to place on file.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
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VI. **Establish date, time and location of next regular meeting**

Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. **Public Comment Period**

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck noted that a Merrill High School student earned a perfect score on the SAT test.

Alderman Sukow asked if the minutes of the previous meeting could be included on meeting agendas and packets. City Clerk Heideman responded that he will add them to the "Monthly Reports" section of future agendas and include the minutes in future meeting packets.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Motion (Sukow/Russell) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:46 P.M.