



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • TUESDAY MAY 8, 2018

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Pete Lokemoen	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Ryan Schwartzman	Aldersperson - Third District & Council President	Present	
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Present	
Dave Sukow	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Tim Meehean	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

Also in attendance: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, Transit Director Brad Brummond, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Enrichment Center Director Tammie Mrachek, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Park and Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Nick Wszalek, Greg Pitel, Kandy Peterson, Lori Anderson Malm, Eric Malm and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Public Comment Period

None.

III. Agenda items:

1. Presentation and discussion of 2017 City of Merrill Annual Financial Report and Management Communications.

Representing Schenck SC, Greg Pitel gave a presentation on the 2017 City audit. He provided verbal information related to the "Management Communications" document and the "Annual Financial Report" document.

2. Consider 2018 capital budget and borrowing for Stange Park improvements.

Park and Recreation Director Wendorf reported that the bids for the new restrooms at Stange Park came in approximately \$35,000 over the budgeted amount for that project.

Alderman Meehean noted that the Bierman Foundation has donated funds to be used for Festival Grounds projects (new bathroom and Steckling Building "reskinning"), which resulted in an excess in the Festival Grounds budget.

Motion (Meehean/Norton) to move \$35,000 from the Festival Grounds budget to the Park and Recreation budget.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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3. Consider 2018 capital budget and borrowing for Athletic Park field lights.

Park and Recreation Director Wendorf reported. The project was budgeted at \$200,000. The revised project estimate is \$265,000, which includes LED lighting.

Motion (Lokemoen/Osness) to delay the project until 2019.

A \$65,000 grant has been submitted to Baseball Tomorrow, but to date there has been no word on whether the grant was approved. By July, a decision is expected to be made. Also, a \$5,000 WPS grant has been awarded to the City.

Alderman Lokemoen requested that his motion be withdrawn. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Motion (Norton/Meehean) to delay the project until 2019, unless the grant from Baseball Tomorrow is received. In that case, the project would proceed in 2018.

IV. Adjournment

Motion (Schwartzman/Russell) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:45 P.M.