



CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • MONDAY MAY 21, 2018

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Sukow 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	5:10 PM
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Present	

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

II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:

1. Nuisance Complaints

The nuisance complaint report was in the meeting packet.

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck reported that there are orders on all cases listed, with the exception of one case. In that case, an extension has been granted, because much progress has already been made and progress continues.

Committee members and Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck made positive comments regarding the new nuisance complaint format report.

2. Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:

1. Application from VFW Post 1638 for a temporary Class "B" (picnic) license to sell fermented malt beverages in the VFW Fairstand and in an area under the grandstand at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the Merrill Tractor Pull, July 7, 2018.

Police Chief Bennett has no concerns with the application.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 6/12/2018 7:00 PM
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2. Applications from Merrill Wrestling Club for five temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages in a fenced-in area at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the Lincoln County Free Fair, August 15-August 19, 2018.

Police Chief Bennett has no concerns with the applications.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

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3. 2018-2019 Liquor License Applications (per list)

Police Chief Bennett has no concerns with the applications at this time.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

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IV. Other agenda items to consider:

1. Consider ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 26, Article V, Section 26-136, to add language to the definition of tobacco products. This is part of an amended agenda.

A copy of the proposed ordinance was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett explained that this ordinance was drafted at the request of School Resource Office Heckendorf and the Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS), based on increased e-cigarette usage by young people. The proposed ordinance would add e-cigarette devices and "vaping" devices to the definition of tobacco products.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

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2. Begin discussion of safety concerns in pickup/drop-off areas at various schools.

Alderman Van Lieshout has requested that this item be placed on the agenda. He reported that he has received calls from citizens who expressed concerns related to potential safety issues at school student pickup/drop off areas. Police Chief Bennett reviewed some of the circumstances that have led to the concerns.

Alderman Van Lieshout stated that it would not make sense to make any changes now, with only two weeks remaining in the school year. Rather, he is raising the issue now to encourage discussions between school officials and the Police Department to resolve these potential problems before the beginning of the new school year in the fall. Police Chief Bennett noted that the school system and the Police Department have contacted parents to encourage them to have their children walk or ride the bus to school, to help alleviate some the vehicular congestion before and after school.

No action was taken at this time.

Alderman Russell arrived at the meeting at 5:10 P.M. and assumed the Chairperson responsibilities for the remainder of the meeting. He then welcomed new Fire Chief Josh Klug.

3. Continue discussion of safety concerns at the skateboard park.

Alderman Sukow stated that he has requested that Parks and Recreation Director Wendorf get this issue placed on future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agendas.

Traffic and pedestrian crossing concerns at the current skateboard park were discussed.

No action was taken.

V. Minutes & Monthly Reports:

1. Minutes of April 26, 2018 Meeting

The minutes were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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2. Monthly Report - Interim Fire Chief Krause

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Battalion Chief Skoug shared data on the April EMS calls.

Alderman Russell thanked the Fire Department for their presence and support at the Northwoods Veterans Post groundbreaking ceremony on May 19th.

3. Monthly Report - Police Chief Bennett

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Computerized Vehicle Registration (CVR) revenue continues to decrease, as more and more places offer this service. Police Chief Bennett will be reviewing the service to determine if fee amounts need adjusting.

4. Monthly Report - Lincoln County Humane Society

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Alderman Sukow and City Administrator Johnson stated that top-notch work is being done at the Humane Society. Alderman Russell agreed, adding that the volunteers also contribute to the high-quality of services being provided.

5. Consider placing monthly reports on file

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

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

Monday, June 25th, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Public Comment Period

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:29 P.M.