



CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • MONDAY JULY 23, 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, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, Gene Bebel, Don Swan, Eric Malm and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A student was in attendance to tape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

II. Nuisance Complaints and Vouchers:

1. Nuisance Complaints

The nuisance complaint summary report was in the meeting packet.

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck stated that it has been a busy month. He reviewed all the cases on the nuisance complaint summary report.

2. Vouchers

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:

1. Applications from VFW Post 1638 for five temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented beverages in the VFW stand at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the Lincoln County Free Fair, August 15-August 19, 2018.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL Next: 8/7/2018 7:00 PM

2. Application from VFW Post 1638 for a temporary Class "B" (picnic) license to sell fermented malt beverage in the VFW stand at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the Labor Day event on September 3rd, 2018.

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 8/7/2018 7:00 PM
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- 3. Application from the River District Development Foundation of Merrill and Rotary Club for a Class "B" (picnic) license to sell fermented malt beverages at the Agra Pavilion and Rotary Park during the "Pig Out for the Pavilion" event on August 25th, 2018.

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 8/7/2018 7:00 PM
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- 4. Applications from Fraternal Order of Eagles for five temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages in the Eagle's stand at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the Lincoln County Free Fair, August 15-August 19, 2018.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 8/7/2018 7:00 PM
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- 5. Verbal update report from City Clerk Heideman on 2018-2019 license renewal/issuance process.

City Clerk Heideman reported that all renewing licensees have achieved compliance and were issued renewed licenses before the June 30th license expiration date. No action was necessary, requested or taken.

IV. Other agenda items to consider:

- 1. Consider authorization for purchase of 406 Tyler Street for \$30,000.

City Administrator Johnson reported that the property owner approached the City asking if the City would be interested in purchasing the property. Purchase of the property would result in the property being "squared up", and would also provide additional parking for events held at the Fire Station. Cost of demolition of the house and garage is estimated at \$11,000.

Motion to recommend approval of the purchase and refer the recommendation to the July 25th, 2018 Board of Public Works meeting. Carried.

V. Minutes & Monthly Reports:

- 1. Minutes of June 25, 2018 meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet. No action was necessary, requested or taken.

- 2. Monthly Report - Fire Chief Klug

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Fire Chief Klug reported that this is a busy a time of year at the Fire Department. Public education opportunities are ongoing.

Upon request, Fire Chief Klug provided information on the Community Care Paramedic Program.

3. Monthly Report - Police Chief Bennett

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett reported that the Police Department is busy participating in special events.

The monthly statistics were discussed, followed by discussion of the “Badges & Bullseyes” event.

4. Monthly Report - Lincoln County Humane Society

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Alderman Russell reported that the Humane Society plans to have a representative at the next Health and Safety Committee meeting, to provide additional information related to the monthly report.

Alderman Russell then mentioned a program that pairs up rescued dogs with veterans in need of a service dog. Before the veteran and dog are paired up, the dog receives training in providing service.

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, August 27th, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Public Comment Period

Deputy Health Officer Ashbeck noted that, due the presence of rats at three locations (as noted in the nuisance complaint report), he would be calling in an exterminator to evaluate the situation. He stated that, although for years there was funds available in his budget for this type of service, in the last few years that funding has been removed from the budget. He requested that, as part of the 2019 budget, funds again be allocated for this purpose (he suggested \$500).

City Administrator Johnson provided verbal information on the upcoming East Sixth Street project. Work will begin this week. As a result of the project, East Sixth Street (between Johnson Street and Sales Street) will be a gravel road during the fair.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:27 P.M.