



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**AGENDA • TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2018**

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**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**6:00 PM**

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment Period
- III. Agenda Items:
  1. Conduct interviews and make recommendations on candidate and term duration for vacant position in Aldermanic District #2. The candidate and term duration recommendations will be forwarded for consideration at the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Common Council meeting. The candidates who have applied for the position (listed alphabetically by last name) are Steve Hass and Mike Willman.
  2. Conduct interviews and make recommendations on candidate and term duration for vacant position in Aldermanic District #3. The candidate and term duration recommendations will be forwarded for consideration at the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Common Council meeting. The candidates who have applied for the position (listed alphabetically by last name) are Rick Blake and Eric Ott.
- IV. Adjournment

# LETTER OF INTENT TO SERVE ON MERRILL COMMON COUNCIL

Please consider this application as my intent to seek City of Merrill Common Council appointment to fill the vacancy for the position of Alderperson in District Two.

Full Name: Steven James Hass

Address: 702 East Sixth Street, Merrill, WI

E-Mail: steve.hass@charter.net

Home Phone: 715-536-4907 Cell Phone: 715-218-3364

Are you over the age of 18?  Yes  No

### Employment History:

- Miller Home Furnishings, November 1991 - Present

### Educational Background:

- Merrill High School 1987
- Northcentral Technical College 1988-1990



Attachment: Candidate Info District 2 (3684 : Recommend candidate and term duration for Aldermanic District #2)

Name: Steven James Hass**Political Experience (include any elected or appointed positions or committees you have served on):**

- Elected to Common Council, April 2004 - 2014
- Common Council President, 2008 - 2014
- Personnel and Finance Chair, 2010 - 2014
- Health and Safety Chair, 2008 - 2010
- Board of Public Works Committee Member
- Water and Sewer Committee Member
- Board of Review Member
- City Plan Member
- Zoning Board of Appeals Member
- Tourism Committee Member
- Parking Committee Member
- Strategic Planning for Police and Fire
- Ad Hoc Committee for City Administrator

**Community Service Experience (include volunteer work or other community activities):**

- St. Baldricks
- School Speaker Regarding Government
- Usher and Script Seller at St. Francis
- Represented Merrill at Butter Carving Contest at the Fair, Ice Drags, Labor Day Car Show, Tour of Nothernwire After Tornado, as well as Other Events
- Participated in Fire Opps at NTC Merrill Campus
- Spoke on Community Scan Radio Program.

Signature of Applicant: Steven James Hass Date: 9-24-18

Submit your application to the City Clerk at 1004 East First Street, Merrill, WI 54452  
before 12:00 p.m. on October 2, 2018.

September 19, 2018

City of Merrill Council,

Recently, I became aware of the resignation of my Alderman Pete Lokemoen. Steve Hass has indicated his willingness to run as a replacement for our district. Pete and Steve have been excellent representatives for us. We are fortunate to have a knowledgeable, experienced and caring person as Steve willing to take on this commitment. I hope the council will move forward with his assignment as our district 2 alderman. Our City needs to move forward as smoothly as possible and it would behoove our council to make this selection. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

Nancy S. Arndorfer  
603 N. Scott St.  
Merrill, WI 54452  
715-536-3869

Howard & Christine Peck

1102 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Merrill, Wi. 54452

September 19, 2018

Common Council

We support Mr. Steve Hass for our 2<sup>nd</sup> District Alderman.

Steve has had first hand experience in local government, understands it, and knows it.

- He served on the city council from 2004 to 2014.
- President 2008 to 2014.
- Served as chair of personnel & finance.
- Chair of Health and Safety.
- Was on almost all committees.
- Rode with plow truck drivers.
- Attended fire opps training.

Steve shares our values, and is an advocate for social justice. He will seek out new ideas and be open to different perspectives. He will look at all the alternatives, consider the outcomes, & will be committed to governing well.

Steve is a careful and deliberate communicator, always listening to different points of view.

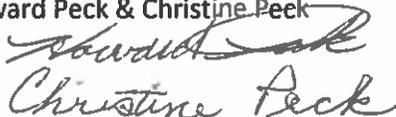
He has sold scripts at church, ushers when needed at his church, served on Merrill Cemetery board, active in all things city oriented

He is approachable, has an empathetic personality, & truly believes in keeping Merrill Great.

We support Steve Hass for 2<sup>nd</sup> District Alderman.

Sincerely

Howard Peck & Christine Peck



Home owners for over 55 years in Merrill, Wi.

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BY:

Full Name: Michael R. Willman \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 803 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Merrill, Wis. 54452  
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E-Mail: [mike.sarah@frontier.com](mailto:mike.sarah@frontier.com)  
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Home Phone: 715-536-1724 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: 715-920-2271  
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Are you over the age of 18?       X      Yes       No

**Employment History:**

I've been employed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation since November of 1969. Positions that I held included Park Ranger/Naturalist, at Point Beach State Forest (Two Rivers, Wis.), Park Ranger II, at Pattison State Park (Superior, Wis.), Assistant Manager at Wyalusing State Park (Prairie du Chien, Wis.), Manager at Council Grounds State Park (Merrill, Wis.), Team Leader at Merrill DNR (Forestry, Wildlife, Parks and Endangered Resources) and Director of the State Park System (Madison, Wis.).

Since my retirement from full time employment with the DNR, in 2005, I've been employed as a Limited Term Employee, with the same agency, as a Senior Engineer. I've been updating the DNR web based Building Inventory and Shore Fishing and Boat Access systems. This involves traveling throughout the state, gathering data and photos and entering the updated information/photos from my home office.

**Educational Background**

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Name:

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Lincoln High School, Manitowoc, Wis.

Manitowoc County Teachers College, Manitowoc, Wis. Associate Degree in Elementary Education.

Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, Wis. Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Graduated cum laude.

**Political Experience (include any elected or appointed positions or committees you have served on):**

Merrill Area Public Schools Board of Education, 1988 – 1992. President of the Board in 1989.

City of Merrill Common Council, 1994 – 2004. Chaired the Personnel and Finance Committee and elected as Council President in 1998, 2000 and 2002.

TB Scott Board of Trustees, 2002 – 2003.

Governors Snowmobile Recreation Council, 2006 – 2013.

Park & Recreation Commission, 4/14/2009 to present. Elected Chair in 2016.

City Plan Commission, 2016 to present.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Service Experience (include volunteer work or other community activities):**

Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce Board, 1992 – 1999. Board President in 1998.

Merrill Area Recreation Complex Fund Raising Committee.

TB Scott Library Site Planning Committee.

TB Scott Library Expansion Fund Raising Committee.

Youth Soccer coach and referee, 1988 – 2000. Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus Soccer Association, 1993 – 2000.

Good Samaritan Health Foundation Board, 1998 – 2008. President from 2003 to 2008.

Good Samaritan Health Center Board of Directors, 2002 – 2011. Board Chairman in 2009 and 2010.

University of Wisconsin Treehaven Board of Advisors, 2006 – 2015. Board President in 2009.

Friends of Wisconsin State Parks Board of Directors, 2006 – 2015.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference (Board), 2005 – 2014.

St. Vincent de Paul Free Clinic Board, 2012 – 2014.

Riverbend Trail Board of Directors, 2013 – 2017. Chaired, and Co-Chaired the Capital Campaign Committee.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Council (three years).

Merrill Noon Lions, 1984 until the club disbandment in 2015.

Knights of Columbus, 1984 to present. Knight of the Year in 1987.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Applicant: Michael R. Wellman Date: 10/1/2018

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BY:

Full Name: Richard Blake

Address: 711 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Apt. 205, Merrill, WI 54452

E-Mail: rickyralf@yahoo.com

Cell Phone: 715 581-2909

Are you over the age of 18?      X Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Employment History:**

2017 to present: Retired

1997 to 2017: Merrill Area Public Schools. Special Education Aide, 11 years at the high school level and nine years at the elementary level.

1993 to 1996: Corbrook Awakening Abilities, Toronto, Ontario: Director of Programs.

1988 to 1993: Ontario March of Dimes, Toronto, Ontario: Program Manager.

1978 to 1988: Goodwill Industries of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario: Vocational Evaluator and Program Coordinator.

1970 to 1978: Various part-time, Summer and temporary jobs in Merrill, Wisconsin, including Oconomowoc Canning Company, City of Merrill (Summer recreation program, Winter skating rinks and ski area), and Quality Print.

**Educational Background:**

1970 graduate Merrill High School

Post secondary education: Holy Cross (Menard) Junior College, Merrill Wisconsin.

St. Norbert College, De Pere Wisconsin, majored in Communication Arts.

University of Wisconsin-Stout, Master of Science Vocational Rehabilitation

Attachment: Candidate Info District 3 (3685 : Recommend candidate and term duration for Aldermanic District #3)

Name: Richard Blake**Political Experience (include any elected or appointed positions or committees you have served on):**

2003(?) – Present: City of Merrill Transit Commission. Currently Chairman.

**Community Service Experience (include volunteer work or other community activities):**

Present member - Board of Directors, Our Way Incorporated, Merrill, WI. Our Way provides group residences for adults with severe disabilities.

Nine year member – Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity of Merrill, also chair of the Fundraising Committee.

Five-year member – Board of Directors, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin.

Researched and wrote articles for the Northwoods Historian, the newsletter of the Merrill Historical Society.

Past member Merrill City Band

As a volunteer, created and led the History Club at Merrill High School.

Signature of Applicant:

Richard L. Blake

Date:

09/24/2018

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LETTER OF INTENT TO SERVE ON MERRILL COMMON COUNCIL

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Full Name: Eric J. Ott

Address: 505 E. 2nd St

E-Mail: Eric's Digital Design @ outlook.com

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: 715-302-1767

Are you over the age of 18?  Yes  No

**Employment History:**

- Burgener Contract Carriers (Professional Driver) 2016-Current
- The Movers, Inc. (Professional Mover) 2015-2016
- Mueller Services (Property Risk Management Assessor) 2014-2016
- Jim's Repair & Towing (Tow Manager) 2011-2014
- Utility Data Contractors [Contracting for We Energies] (Inspector) 2011-2011

**Educational Background:**

- Trinity Lutheran School K-5
- Prairie River Middle School 6-8
- Merrill High School 9-12
- Graphics, CAD, Woods, US Government, MP3, Jazz & Marching Band State Champions
- I have also read Roberts Rules of Order

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Name: Eric J. Ott**Political Experience (include any elected or appointed positions or committees you have served on):**

My Political Experience dates back to when I was a Freshman in High School, where I took all 4 years of MP3, covering dozens of local government meetings for both the City and County each year.

As a Sophomore I fought hard to keep Tech Ed classes at the High School and was even recognized by then Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle for my efforts.

In 2018 I ran for Alderman and lost by only 41 votes.

I have also attended and watched many government meetings, even speaking at one recently.

**Community Service Experience (include volunteer work or other community activities):**

My biggest Community Service achievement so far, is the raising of more than \$10,350 in less than 2 months for the Damage at the Merrill Cemetery. Included in that is a \$5,000 donation from a private party in Florida that I worked with to secure, and working with local Investigators, it is being temporarily held as a reward for tips leading to the conviction of those responsible.

I also setup a local Non-Profit Account, to hold these funds until a payment to both Cemeteries is arranged at a point in the near future.

I have also recently started helping with The Friends of the River Bend Trail.

And I try to do whatever else I can in the community, and to keep community members informed, as I often have Community Members asking me about various City Issues and concerns.

Signature of Applicant:

 Date: 9/26/18

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