



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 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	
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	

II. Public Comment Period

Bill Heideman stated that, in his opinion, the term-length of the vacant of Second and Third District aldermanic positions should have been established before advertising for candidates to fill those positions.

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 9th, 2018 Common Council meeting. The candidates who have applied for the position (listed alphabetically by last name) are Steve Hass and Mike Willman.

Steve Hass gave a presentation and answered questions.

Mike Willman gave a presentation and answered questions.

Motion (Norton/Meehean) to stipulate that, when the positions are filled, the terms of office for the vacant District #2 and District #3 aldermanic positions be until after the April, 2020 election. On roll call vote, motion carried 5-2. Voting No - Alderman Osness and Mayor Woellner.

Motion (Woellner) to vote for filling the vacant aldermanic positions via a "show of hands". Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion (Meehean/Norton) to vote for filling the vacant aldermanic positions by paper ballot. Carried.

Note: Per the Wisconsin State Statutes (19.88), the paper ballot will indicate that name of the person voting as well as the actual vote. The state statutes prohibit filling a vacancy of this type by secret ballot. A secret ballot may only be used when electing the officers of the governing body, such as the council president.

The vote (paper ballots) resulted in four votes for Steve Hass and three votes for Mike Willman, as follows: Alderman Russell, Alderman Osness, Alderman Sukow and Mayor Woellner voted for Steve Hass. Alderman Van Lieshout, Alderman Norton and Alderman Meehean voted for 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 9th, 2018 Common Council meeting. The candidates who have applied for the position (listed alphabetically by last name) are Rick Blake and Eric Ott.

Rick Blake gave a presentation and answered questions.

Eric Ott gave a presentation and answered questions.

The vote (paper ballots) resulted in four votes for Rick Blake and three votes for Eric Ott, as follows: Alderman Russell, Alderman Van Lieshout, Alderman Norton and Alderman Meehean voted for Rick Blake. Alderman Osness, Alderman Sukow and Mayor Woellner voted for Eric Ott.

IV. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Osness) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:41 P.M.