



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • TUESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2018

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Steve Hass	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Rick Blake	Aldersperson - Third 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	

Also in attendance: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Enrichment Center Director Tammie Mrachek, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek, John Greenwood and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A student was in attendance to tape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

II. Public Comment Period

None.

III. Agenda Items:

1. Review and discuss powers/duties of the following:

Mayor

City Attorney Hayden explained that the current system seems to work well, although he feels people do not know how government operates.

Alderman Hass suggested that common council members use caution to ensure that illegal meetings do not occur.

Finance Director Unertl suggested that, if an issue needs to be discussed by multiple city committees, it would be preferable to have it discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting instead.

City Attorney Hayden reminded everyone to use private cell phones and social media wisely to prevent open meetings law violations.

City Administrator Johnson stated, because the Common Council approved placing the Dark Store Referendum question on the November 6th ballot, it is acceptable to use City resources to provide information on that referendum. In his opinion, it is also acceptable to use communications tools to urge voters to vote "Yes".

Common Council

Discussion on this was held in conjunction with the previous agenda item on the mayor's duties.

City Administrator

City Administrator Johnson reviewed the duties of the City Administrator.

Alderman Meehean noted that it appears that the ordinances related to the various City departments are in need of updating. City Attorney Hayden will work on preparing the necessary updates.

Department Heads

The Department Heads introduced themselves for the benefit of the newly-appointed aldermen.

IV. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Van Lieshout) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.