



CITY OF MERRILL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES • MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2018

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Sukow called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dave Sukow	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Excused	
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Deputy Health Officer Norbert Ashbeck, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Alderman Rick Blake, Alderman Rob Norton (arr. 5:06), Brenda Lawrie, Courtney Bennish 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 reported that court dates have been scheduled for the first four cases listed on the report. The owner is cooperating on the fifth case, so, although it will take time, it is anticipated the case will be resolved.

2. Vouchers

The vouchers were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Picnic and/or Liquor License Applications:

1. Application from Club 107 LLC, Courtney Bennish, Agent, for Class "B" (beer) and "Class B" (liquor) licenses for Club 107, 2410 Highway 107, effective November 14, 2018.

Information was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett reported that he has completed the background check and that he has no concerns with the application as submitted.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sukow) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 11/13/2018 7:00 PM
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IV. Other agenda items to consider:

1. Status report from Police Chief Bennett on snowmobile, ATV/UTV routes and signage.

Police Chief Bennett reported that discussion of this is ongoing. State statutes have been amended to allow the installation of larger signs at City entrances.

Discussion was held on the City streets on which ATV/UTV/snowmobile operation is currently prohibited.

Alderman Sukow stated his opinion that the Police Department has made a concerted effort to promote and encourage ATV/UTV/snowmobile use within the City. He added that, although there are many users that obey rules and regulations, there are also violators. He encouraged the Police Department to issue citations to speeders using these types of vehicles.

City Administrator Johnson stated that he has witnessed numerous violations, both in equipment and in vehicular behavior.

Police Chief Bennett will continue work on the process of installing signage at City entrances. Alderman Van Lieshout suggested that the City publicize ATV/UTV/snowmobile issues. Police Chief Bennett stated that he would speak to the Foto News regarding the possibility of an article.

No formal action was requested, necessary or taken.

V. Minutes & Monthly Reports:

1. Minutes of September 24, 2018 meeting

The minutes were in the meeting packet.

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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2. Monthly Report - Fire Chief Klug

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Fire Chief Klug reported on a recent structure fire. He then reviewed the "Public Education & Community Activities" section of the monthly report.

Alderman Sukow complimented Fire Chief Klug on the process of preparing to fill an anticipated vacant position in the Fire Department.

3. Monthly Report - Police Chief Bennett

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Police Chief Bennett reported that traffic citations have increased.

4. Monthly Report - Lincoln County Humane Society

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Alderman Sukow complimented Shelter Manager Liz Friedenfels for her work to ensure a high-quality facility.

5. Consider placing monthly reports on file

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

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

Monday, November 26th, 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 5:22 P.M.