



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 6:01 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	Late	6:48 PM
Dave Sukow	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Tim Meehean	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

Other City officials in attendance: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, Transit Director Brad Brummond, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Enrichment Center Director Tammie Mrachek, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Park and Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment Period

Motion (Woellner/Hass) to grant the public the opportunity to speak later in the meeting, during the "Questions and Answer Period". Each speaker would be limited to three minutes. Carried.

There was no public comment.

IV. Agenda Items:

1. Presentation by Ehlers & Associates on taxation and Tax Increment Districts (TIDs), and how TIDs impact the budget.

Information was in the meeting packet.

Representing Ehlers, Brian Reilly gave a presentation on Tax Increment Financing and Fiscal Impacts. Main topics of the presentation were:

- Establishing the tax levy and tax rate
- How is tax increment arrived at
- Fiscal impacts of Tax Increment Districts

2. Questions and Answer Period.

Brian Reilly and City personnel answered questions.

3. Review and discussion of Finance Director Unertl's proposed future taxation information formats.

Information was in the meeting packet.

Finance Director Unertl reviewed the proposed documents she will be using during the next budget process. Additional cross-checking and safeguards will be in place to ensure that the TIF data and related tax data are accurate.

V. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Russell) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:19 P.M.