



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • MONDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Excused	
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	Excused	
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, 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, Parks & Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Commnet Period

LaDonna Fermanich stated that she has read the current strategic plan. She assumes that a great deal of time and money was spent to formulate the plan. She urged that valuable time and money not be spent on creating a new plan or updating the current plan. In her opinion, many of the goals in the current plan are not being met.

IV. Agenda Items (Strategic Plan Update):

1. Strategic Plan background

A copy of the current Strategic Plan (2014-2019) was in the meeting packet.

Mayor Woellner informed everyone that a Strategic Plan is required by the State of Wisconsin, and that it must be updated every five years.

2. Consider whether to create new plan or update existing plan

Information from City Administrator Johnson was distributed at the meeting.

Alderman Sukow suggested using the current plan as a template for either a new plan or a plan update.

City Administrator Johnson suggested that it is not necessary to recreate the visions and goals in the plan.

Mayor Woellner stated that he would like to see a change in the format of the tables included in the plan.

Alderman Norton encouraged all groups and organizations to participate in this project.

3. Create timetable of future meetings related to plan

It was suggested that public hearings are not necessary, but a series of public information meetings could be held instead.

4. Consider methods to obtain input from public, departments heads, employees and the Common Council

The possibility of offering a public survey was suggested.

5. Consider possible candidates to facilitate the plan

It was suggested that perhaps North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission could suggest a facilitator.

Mayor Woellner raised the possibility of a City employee acting as facilitator. City Administrator Johnson and Alderman Norton responded that it would be better to have a facilitator from outside City government.

City Administrator Johnson stated that he would look for a facilitator and report back on the results.

V. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Meehean) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 5:57 P.M.