



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES • TUESDAY APRIL 9, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 7:00 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	

2. Invocation by Pastor Andy Perry, Bible Presbyterian Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Public Comment Period

Heather O'Neill, W6725 Edwards Drive, spoke against the aldermanic recall.

LaDonna Fermanich, 109 East Tenth Street, spoke in favor of the aldermanic recall.

6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):

1. Minutes of March 19, 2019 Common Council meeting

Motion (Norton/Meehean) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Fiscal, Room Tax & Tourism Reports:

1. Revenue & Expense Report for Period Ending March 31, 2019

Motion (Norton/Meehean) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. 2018 Room Tax Reports

Motion (Norton/Meehean) to approve the Room Tax Reports and the Tourism Report.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. 2018 Tourism Report

See previous agenda item.

8. Board of Public Works:

1. Discuss condition of Jackson Street (Eugene to Foster Street), rapid deterioration over spring break up. Possibly delay Poplar and Court Street project until 2020 and reconstruct Jackson Street in 2019. The Board of Public Works recommends approving a project to reconstruct Jackson Street, and delaying the N. Poplar Street (East Second Street to East Fourth Street) Project and the N. Court Street (East Second Street to East Fifth Street) Project until 2020.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve the Board of Public Works recommendations.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. Consider bids on M2019-01 East Main Street (Memorial Drive to Pine Ridge Avenue) Project. Mayor Woellner is bringing the bids directly to the Common Council.

Motion (Norton/Russell) to approve the bid of \$972,097.05 from Merrill Gravel and Construction.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. Health and Safety Committee:

1. Application from DSwan LLC, Dawn R. Swan, Agent, for a Class "B" (Beer) license for First Street Coffee Station, 809 East First Street, effective April 10th, 2019. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Sukow/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. Application from DSwann LLC, Dawn R. Swan Agent, for a Class "B" (Beer) and Class C (Wine) license for First Street Coffee Station, 501 S. Pine Ridge Avenue, effective April 10th, 2019. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Meehean/Russell) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. Change of Agent Application from Heartland Cooperative Services (Merrill Cenex), 1300 N. Center Avenue, naming Becky Guite as agent. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Meehean/Norton) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. Consider request from Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes (1208 N. Center Ave.) for an extension of premises to serve alcohol in a fenced-in area outside their establishment from 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 11th, 2019, as part of a Les & Jim's 50th anniversary celebration. This is part of an amended agenda. Alderman Hass is bringing this request directly to the Common Council.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Water and Sewage Disposal Committee:

1. Discussion on the need for Water Tower Mixers. The Water & Sewage Disposal Committee makes no recommendation.

Motion (Hass/Sukow) to deny purchasing mixers at this time.

Motion (Hass/Russell) to refer back to the Water and Sewage Disposal Committee. Motion to refer back failed 3-5 on roll call vote. Voting Yes - Alderman Russell, Alderman Hass and Alderman Osness.

Motion to deny the purchase failed 3-5 on roll call vote. Voting Yes - Alderman Russell, Alderman Hass and Alderman Osness.

Motion (Meehean/Blake) to authorize the purchase and installation of one mixer. Motion to purchase and install carried 6-2 on roll call vote. Voting No - Alderman Hass and Alderman Osness.

11. Placing Committee Reports on File:

1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Board of Public Works, City Plan Commission, Festival Grounds Committee, Health & Safety Committee, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee and Water & Sewage Disposal Committee.

Motion (Norton/Meehean) to place on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

12. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-142, to allow the Parks and Recreation Commission to elect their representative on the City Plan Commission (Ordinance #2019-02).

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading.

Mayor Woellner requested that the rules be suspended in order to give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Without objection, it was so ordered.

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District
SECONDER:	John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Sukow, Norton, Meehean

2. An Ordinance amending the District Zoning Map of the City for Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map No. 2572, to re-zone, from R-2 (Residential) to Industrial, a parcel on South Alexander Street (Ordinance #2019-03).

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading.

Motion (Hass/Russell) to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Carried.

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District
SECONDER:	Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District
AYES:	Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Sukow, Norton
NAYS:	Russell, Meehean

13. Resolutions:
None.

14. Mayor's Communications

Mayor Woellner thanked everyone who helped before, during and after the April 2nd Spring Election.

15. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Van Lieshout) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:51 P.M.