



CITY OF MERRILL
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES • TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:45 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 5:47 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ralph Sturm		Present	
Melissa Schroeder		Present	
Ken Maule		Present	
Robert Reimann		Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	
Steve Hass	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Kyle Gulke		Present	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Alderman Dave Sukow, Alderman John Van Lieshout, Alderman Rick Blake, Judy Sukow and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

Public hearings attendees included: Jerry Lokemoen, Megan Steege, Jody Lokemoen, Greg Hehling, Bryan Hoffman, Ann Pulkowski, Hildegard Hantke, Carl Hantke, Roger Brandt, Ken Attoe, Melissa Wilson, Justin Wilson, Ned Seubert, and Kathy Seubert.

A representative from Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

II. Minutes of previous meeting(s):

1. Minutes of April 3, 2019 meeting

Motion (Schroeder/Hass) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Monthly Report(s):

1. Oral report from Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel on Certified Survey Maps.

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel reported that, in the last month, he did not approve/disapprove any Certified Survey Maps.

IV. Public Comment Period

None.

V. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairperson.

VI. Recess:

At 5:49 P.M., Mayor Woellner announced a recess until 6:00 P.M., the time scheduled for the public hearings to begin. At 6:00 P.M., Mayor Woellner called the meeting back to order.

VII. Public Hearings (will begin at 6:00 P.M.)

1. Conditional Use Permit application from Lokemoen Development for development of storage buildings on Highland Drive.

Information was in the meeting packet.

City Attorney Hayden read the public hearings notice.

Motion (Hass/Reimann) to open the public hearing. Carried.

Alderman John Van Lieshout reported that he has received several calls from residents living in the vicinity of the site for the proposed storage units. The people that called were opposed to the permit.

Ned Seubert stated that he and his wife are opposed to the permit. He also submitted a petition signed by 15 residents who oppose the permit.

Ann Pulkowski spoke against the permit.

Jody Lokemoen stated that she had been approached by several people who told her that they would like storage units in the area.

Carl Hantke spoke against the permit.

Jerry Lokemoen spoke in favor of the permit. He thinks it would be an asset and that traffic would not be a problem.

Greg Hehling stated that the future will bring more apartments to that area, which will require additional storage.

Justin Wilson expressed concerns that property values could be affected if the permit is approved.

Ann Pulkowski stated that recently used a storage facility, and that she accessed it almost daily. She has traffic concerns.

Motion (Hass/Schroeder) to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion (Hass/Schroeder) to disapprove.

RESULT:

DISAPPROVED, SENT TO COUNCIL

Next: 6/11/2019 7:00 PM

2. Conditional Use Permit application from Bryan Hoffman for development of storage buildings on S. Center Avenue.

Information was in the meeting packet.

Motion (Hass/Reimann) to open the public hearing. Carried.

Bryan Hoffman spoke in favor of the application.

Motion (Hass/Sturm) to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion (Hass/Schroder) to approve.

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel suggested that a one-year deadline be placed on completing hard-surfacing.

Motion (Hass/Schroeder) to amend the permit by adding a one-year deadline to complete hard-surfacing. Motion to amend carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO COUNCIL	Next: 6/11/2019 7:00 PM
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VIII. Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Reimann) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:18 P.M.