



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2019

Budget Session

City Hall Council Chambers

5:15 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 5:15 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	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Alderman - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

Other 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, Parks & Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek, Kyle Gulke, Al Wix, Lori Anderson-Malm and City Clerk Bill Heideman. A representative from Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Review and consideration of 2020 Budget Requests

1. Utility Capital Projects / Equipment Requests

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported on the Utility Capital requests (pages U-CAP1 through U-CAP-8).

IV. Proposed Public Works and Street Department Budgets

1. Organizational Structure

Finance Director Unertl reported on: Public Works Organizational Chart, Street Commissioner Fund, Public Works/Engineer Fund and Street Superintendent Fund (pages 1 through 4).

2. Impact of Streetlighting Modernization

Finance Director Unertl reported on Street Lighting Electrical History and the Street Lighting Fund (pages 5 & 6).

3. Proposed Sidewalk / Concrete Work by Street Department

Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey reported on Sidewalk Maintenance program (pages 7 through 10). He noted that the program was somewhat "scaled back" in 2019 but that the Street Department was able to do the work themselves.

4. Proposed automation of Garbage and Recycling Operations

Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey reported a capital request for Garbage/Recycling Automation (page 31).

5. Potential option of Recycling Fees

Finance Director Unertl reported that recycling costs are rising. She suggested that various options related to recycling are worth exploring.

6. Street Department - Other Functional Budgets

Street Superintendent Bonack reported on the following funds: Garage Maintenance (page 11), Operations Support (pages 12 & 13), Roads (pages 14 & 15), Street Cleaning (page 16), Snow & Ice (page 17), Streets - Sealcoat (page 18), Stormwater - Maintenance (page 19), Streets Painting - Marking (page 20), Street Leave Expenses (page 21), Garbage Collection (page 22), Recycling (pages 23 & 24), Weed & Nuisance Control (page 25), Decorations & Banners (page 26), Traffic Control (page 27) and Stormwater Plan/Const. (page 28).

7. Street Department - Other Capital Equipment Requests

Street Superintendent Bonack reported on the Street Department Capital & Equipment requests (pages 29-42).

8. Capital - Infrastructure

Finance Director Unertl, Street Superintendent Bonack and Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey reported on Capital Infrastructure requests (pages 43-51).

V. Public Comment

Mayor Woellner thanked the members of the public that attended the meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Motion (Hass/Blake) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:10 P.M.