



CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

MINUTES • TUESDAY OCTOBER 8, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 7:01 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	Present	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Alderman - 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

Tim Zimmerman spoke in favor of continued funding of the Merrill City Band.

Linda Becker also spoke in favor of continued funding of the Merrill City Band.

Heather O'Neill mentioned that a recent visitor was impressed with the progress the City has made in the last few years.

LanDonna Fermanich spoke in favor of continued funding of the Merrill City Band. In her opinion, all Common Council members and the Mayor are in office to serve to the best of their abilities.

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

1. Minutes of September 9, 2019 Common Council meeting

Motion (Norton/Rick) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):

1. Revenue & Expense Report for Period Ending September 30, 2019

Motion (Norton/Russell) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. General agenda items:

1. Employee Years of Service Recognition:

Dawn M. Smith, 15 years (Parks & Recreation)

City Clerk Heideman read a certificate of recognition for Dawn Smith.

9. Board of Public Works:

1. Consider request from Merrill Area Housing Authority to approve a transfer, from the City to the Merrill Area Housing Authority, the lot at 402 North Mill Street, in order to place a "Bluejay House" on that lot. Mayor Woellner is bringing this request directly to the Common Council.

Motion (Norton/Rick) to approve. Motion carried, with Alderman Russell abstaining.

10. Health and Safety Committee:

1. Change of agent application from Krist Oil Company, appointing Luann Krahn agent for Krist Food Mart #98, 105 South Center Avenue. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Sabatke) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. Consider application from Kickback Lounge and Pub, LLC, Nathan Woller, Agent, for a Class "B" (beer) and a "Class B" (liquor) license for Kickback Lounge and Pub, 116 North Prospect Street, effective October 9th, 2019. This application is part of an amended agenda and is being brought directly to the Common Council by Alderman Hass.

Motion (Hass/Norton) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Personnel and Finance Committee:

1. Consider writing off 2016 & 2017 over-collected Personal Property tax bills (total of \$1,178.14) for S&I Excavating, LLC (formerly in business at 200 S. State St.). The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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12. Placing Committee Reports on File:

1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Board of Public Works, City Plan Commission, Committee of the Whole, Health & Safety Committee, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee, Redevelopment Authority and Transit Commission.

Motion (Norton/Sabatke) to place on file.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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13. Mayor's Appointments:

Alderman Van Lieshout to the Parks and Recreation Commission, replacing former Alderman Sukow

Alderman Van Lieshout to the Tourism Commission, replacing former Alderman Sukow

Alderman Rick to the Water and Sewage Disposal Committee, replacing Alderman Hass

Alderman Rick to the Airport Commission, replacing Alderman Osness

Alderman Rick to the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing former Alderman Sukow

Rebecca Roberts to the Tourism Commission, term to expire May 1, 2020

Motion (Norton/Osness) to approve all the appointments.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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14. Ordinances:

None.

15. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit to establish a church at 805 East Main Street (Resolution #2619).

WHEREAS, Josiah Winterhoff d/b/a Downtown Mission Church, has requested a conditional use permit pursuant to the Merrill Zoning Code Chapter 113, Section 113-97 through 113-106, 113-111 for the purpose of establishing a Church at the following described property:

TB Scott Lumber company's 3rd Addition Lots 9-16, Block 2, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, Pin # 251-3106-123-0307,

Commonly known as 805 E. Main Street herein referred to as the "Premises"; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission scheduled a hearing on the application on October 1, 2019, due public notice having been given and opportunity given to those interested to speak on the application; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has reviewed the Application, found that it does meet the requirements of Merrill Zoning Code, Chapter 113, Section 113-97 through 113-106, 113-111, and has recommended approval of said application;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8th day of October, 2019, that a conditional use permit shall be issued to Josiah Winterhoff d/b/a Downtown Mission Church for the purpose of establishing a Church on the aforesaid described premises.

Motion (Norton/Sabatke) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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2. A Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$1,925,000 Tax Increment Revenue Bond (TID No. 3), Series 2019B.

Note: Because of the length of this resolution, it is not included in these minutes. The complete resolution is available for inspection in the Clerk/Treasurer office at City Hall.

No bids were received from any local financial institutions. Therefore, the resolution was not considered by the Common Council.

3. A Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$257,000 General Obligation Promissory Note.

No bids were received from any local financial institutions. Therefore, a complete resolution was not prepared or considered.

4. A Resolution designating the Merrill Foto News as the official City newspaper (Resolution #2620).

WHEREAS, Section 985.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the designation of an official newspaper for the printing of all the City’s Official Business; and

WHEREAS, the Merrill Foto News has qualified for such designation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8th day of October, 2019, that the Merrill Foto News of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, shall be and is hereby designated, until further action, as the official newspaper for the City of Merrill.

Motion (Sabatke/Norton) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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16. Mayor's Communications

Mayor Woellner announced that the Common Council would be having a special meeting on Wednesday, October 16th. The meeting will begin at 5:10 P.M. and will be held in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

A representative from the Job Center of Wisconsin will be at the T.B. Scott Free Library every Thursday. The hours this person will be there are 9:30 A.M. to noon and 12:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

17. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Russell) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:42 P.M.