



CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

MINUTES • TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	7:12 PM
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. Silent Prayer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Public Comment Period

None.

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

1. Minutes of October 8, 2019 meeting and October 16, 2019 meeting

Motion (Norton/Rick) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):

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

Motion (Norton/Russell) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Public Hearing(s):

1. Public Hearing on proposed 2020 Budget

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

LaDonna Fermanich commended everyone for trying to do their best throughout the 2020 budget process. She stated that she was pleased that some Common Council members were keeping the taxpayers in mind when making budget decisions. She stated that she wished consideration of wages and salaries would have begun earlier in the budget process.

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

9. Placing Committee Reports on File:

1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Committee of the Whole, Festival Grounds Committee, Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee and Transit Commission.

Motion (Norton/Russell) to place on file.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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10. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance Adopting the 2020 City of Merrill Budget and Establishing the Tax Levy for the Year 2019.

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading.

Motion (Norton/Van Lieshout) to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only.

Motion (Hass/Blake) to refer the ordinance back to the Committee of the Whole. After discussion, Alderman Hass requested that his motion be withdrawn. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The vote on the motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only was tied 4-4 on a roll call vote. Voting Yes - Alderman Blake, Alderman Van Lieshout, Alderman Rick and Alderman Norton. Mayor Woellner broke the tie by voting Yes. Therefore, the motion passed.

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

Motion (Norton/Van Lieshout) to approve the ordinance. Motion failed 2-6 on roll call vote. Voting Yes - Alderman Van Lieshout and Alderman Norton.

Since the budget ordinance was not approved, it was necessary to schedule a special Common Council meeting to again consider the budget ordinance. It was decided to schedule that meeting for 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 19th.

The Personnel and Finance Committee meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th, was rescheduled to begin at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 14th.

11. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution authorizing a \$251,200 loan from the State of Wisconsin Trust Fund (Resolution #2623).

WHEREAS, by the provisions of Sec. 24.66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all municipalities may borrow money for such purposes in the manner prescribed; and

WHEREAS, by the provisions of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin is authorized to make loans from the State Trust Funds to municipalities for such purposes. (Municipality as defined by Sec. 24.60(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes means a town, village, city, county, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, town sanitary district created under Sec. 60.71 or 60.72, metropolitan sewerage district created under Sec. 200.05 or 200.23, joint sewerage system created under Sec. 281.43(4), school district or technical college district.)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 12th day of November, 2019, that the City of Merrill, in the County of Lincoln, Wisconsin, borrow from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin the sum of Two Hundred Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$251,200.00) for the purpose of financing City Hall HVAC, city fiber network, and police radio repeater projects and for no other purpose.

The loan is to be payable within 10 years from the 15th day of March preceding the date the loan is made. The loan will be repaid in annual installments with interest at the rate of 3.25 percent per annum from the date of making the loan to the 15th day of March next and thereafter annually as provided by the law.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that there shall be raised and there is levied upon all taxable property, within the city of Merrill, in the County of Lincoln, Wisconsin, a direct annual tax for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as they become due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no money obtained by the City of Merrill by such loan from the State be applied or paid out for any purpose except financing City Hall HVAC, City fiber network, and police radio repeater projects without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in case the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin agrees to make the loan, that the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Merrill, in the County of Lincoln, Wisconsin, are authorized and empowered, in the name of the City to execute and deliver to the commission, certificates of indebtedness, in such form as required by the Commission, for any sum of money that may be loaned to the City pursuant to this resolution. The Mayor and Clerk of the City will perform all necessary actions to fully carry out the provisions of Chapter 24, Wisconsin Statutes, and these resolutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this preamble and these resolutions and the aye and no vote by which they were adopted, be recorded, and that the Clerk of this City forward this certified record, along with the application for the loan, to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Norton, Alderperson - Seventh District
SECONDER:	Paul Russell, Alderperson - First District
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Norton, Sabatke

12. Mayor's Communications

The annual Christmas Parade is scheduled to begin at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 7th.

13. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Rick) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:52 P.M.