



CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

AGENDA • TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2020

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by Rev. Laverne Larson, Christ United Methodist Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comment Period
6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):
 1. Minutes of December 10, 2019 meeting
7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
 1. December report will be considered at February Common Council meeting
8. General agenda items:
 1. Employee Years of Service Recognition:
Kathryn M. Seubert, 40 Years (Clerk/Treasurer office)
9. Health and Safety Committee:
 1. Application from Rotary Club of Merrill for a temporary "Class B" (picnic) license to sell wine at the Bell Tower Residence Artisan Showcase at Bell Tower Assisi Hall, 1500 O'Day Street, on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Alderman Hass is bringing this application directly to the Common Council.
10. Water and Sewage Disposal Committee:
 1. Consider 3.0% adjustment to Water & Sewage Service Fees for 2020. The Water and Sewage Disposal Committee recommends approval.
11. Placing Committee Reports on File:
 1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Committee of the Whole, Festival Grounds Committee, Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Redevelopment Authority and Water and Sewage Disposal Committee.
12. Ordinances:
 1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article II, Section 18-21, related to policy to limit tax rate increase in annual City budgets. Mayor Woellner is bringing this ordinance directly to the Common Council.
13. Resolutions:
 1. A Resolution declaring the City of Merrill to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. Alderman Osness is bringing this resolution directly to the Common Council.

2. A Resolution honoring Mike Weix for his long-term service to the City of Merrill.
3. A Resolution honoring Kathy Seubert for her long-term service to the City of Merrill.
14. Mayor's Communications
15. Adjournment

William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF MERRILL

COMMON COUNCIL

MINUTES • TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 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	
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

Based on the assumption that public comment would be allowed during consideration of the Merrill Ice Drags ordinance, Mayor Woellner requested that, at this time, public comment be limited to issues not on this meeting agenda.

There was no public comment.

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

- 1. Minutes of November 12, 2019 meeting and November 19, 2019 meeting
Motion (Norton/Osness) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):

- 1. Revenue & Expense Report for Period Ending November 30, 2019
Motion (Norton/Russell) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. General agenda items:

- 1. Employee Years of Service Recognition:
William F. Hauswirth, 20 years (Parks & Recreation)
City Clerk Heideman read a certificate of recognition for William Hauswirth.

Attachment: 2019-12-10 Council Minutes (4737 : Minutes of December 10, 2019 meeting)

9. Health and Safety Committee:

1. Application from River Country Cooperative, Becky Guite, Agent, for a Class "A" (beer) and a "Class A" (liquor) license for Merrill Cenex, 1300 N. Center Ave., effective December 11, 2019. Alderman Hass is bringing this application directly to the Common Council.

Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. Application from VFW Post 1638 Auxiliary for a temporary Class "B" (picnic) license to sell fermented malt beverages at the Agra Pavilion, 404 S. Park St., on Saturday, January 18th, 2020, in conjunction with the Auxiliary Chili Cookoff event. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Van Lieshout/Russell) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. Application from the Merrill Historical Society, 100 East Third Street, for a temporary Class "B" (picnic) license to sell fermented malt beverages in the Expo Center (303 N. Sales St.) on Saturday, December 14th, 2019, in conjunction with a "Season's Beatings" wrestling event. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Norton/Rick) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Placing Committee Reports on File:

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

Motion (Norton/Rick) to place on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

11. Mayor's Appointments:

1. Jeremy Thompson to the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing Eric Ott, who has resigned, term to expire 5/1/2022
2. Clyde Nelson to the Redevelopment Authority, term to expire 9/2024
3. Lori Anderson-Malm to the Redevelopment Authority, replacing Dan Koblitz, who has resigned, term to expire 9/2023
4. Election Officials for 2020-2021

Motion (Norton/Blake) to approve all the Mayor's appointments as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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12. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 32, Article III, Section 36-60, 61 & 62, related to City sidewalk repair/maintenance policies. (Ordinance #2019-08).

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading by title only, and then provided a brief synopsis of the ordinance. .

Motion (Norton/Blake) 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 [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rob Norton, Alderperson - Seventh District
SECONDER:	Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District
AYES:	Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Norton, Sabatke

2. An Ordinance adding to Code of Ordinances Chapter 26, related to the Merrill Ice Drags (Ordinance #2019-09).

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading.

Alderman Norton suggested that at this time the rules be suspended and the public be allowed to provide input on the ordinance. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Several people spoke in favor of the ordinance. Mayor Woellner also shared comments that he had heard related to the ordinance and the Merrill Ice Drags.

Motion (Norton) to deny the ordinance. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion (Sabatke/Van Lieshout) to table the ordinance at this time, review it and make potential amendments and then have the Common Council reconsider the ordinance as soon as possible. After discussion, Alderman Sabatke requested that his motion be withdrawn. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Motion (Sabatke/Russell) to amend the ordinance in three places, as follows:

1. The last sentence of Section 4, Paragraph B, would be deleted: That sentence reads as follows: "Pursuant to § 30.81(4), Wis. Stat., the authorized law enforcement party is the City of Merrill Police Department".

2. In Section 4, Paragraph C, the proof of liability insurance amount would be changed from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000.
3. A section containing a “sunset” clause would be added to the ordinance, as follows: “This ordinance shall be effect through December 31, 2020”.

Alderman Russell requested that his second be withdrawn. Without objection, it was so ordered. Mayor Woellner asked if there was another second to the motion. Hearing none, he declared that there was no motion on the table at this time.

Motion (Russell) to authorize an independent law firm to review the ordinance and offer an opinion on it within a 72-hour period. After discussion, Alderman Russell withdraw his motion, which had no second.

Motion (Sabatke) to amend the ordinance in three places, as listed above. Mayor Woellner stepped down as chair and turned the meeting over to Council President Norton. Mayor Woellner seconded the motion. Motion to amend carried 5-3 on roll call vote. Voting No - Alderman Hass, Alderman Osness and Alderman Rick.

Council President Norton stepped down as chair and turned the meeting back over to Mayor Woellner.

Motion (Blake/Sabatke) to consider the ordinance as amended. Motion carried 7-1 on roll call vote. Voting No - Alderman Norton.

City Attorney Hayden gave the amended ordinance a first reading by title only and cited the three amendments.

Motion (Blake/Sabatke) to suspend the rules and give the amended ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Motion carried 5-3 on roll call vote. Voting No - Alderman Hass, Alderman Osness and Alderman Norton.

Motion (Blake/Sabatke) to approve the amended ordinance. Motion carried 6-2 on roll call vote. Voting No - Alderman Rick and Alderman Norton.

13. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution ratifying the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 contract between the City of Merrill and the Merrill Professional Police Association (Resolution #2624).

WHEREAS, negotiations between the City of Merrill and the Merrill Professional Police Association have culminated a tentative contract agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 10th day of December, 2019, that the City of Merrill accept the terms and conditions for the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 employment years according to the terms of the contract between the City of Merrill and the Merrill Professional Police Association on file in the City Clerk's office. Said changes and amendments in the terms and conditions to the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 contract shall be effective January 1, 2020. The existing agreement shall be modified accordingly.

Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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14. Mayor's Communications

Mayor Woellner thanked all who attended the meeting.

A wrestling event will be held in the Bierman Building on Saturday, December 14th.

Merrill Woellner extended "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays" greetings to all.

The annual Tour of Lights will be Wednesday, December 11th.

15. Adjournment

Motion (Russell/Norton) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

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The City of Merrill

To: Alderpersons Kathy Unertl, Finance Director

Mayor Derek Woellner

Date: January 3rd, 2020

Re: **Revenue & Expense – December 2019**

with February 2020 Council agenda packet

For Information

The December 2019 Revenue & Expense Reports will be provided with the February 2020 Common Council agenda.

There are numerous pending 2019 year-end fiscal transactions including mid-January accounts payable checks that will be posted to December 31st, 2019.

Attachment: Revenue-Expense 2019-12 (4738 : December report will be considered at February Common Council meeting)

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY CLASS "B"/"CLASS B" RETAILER'S LICENSE

See Additional Information on reverse side. Contact the municipal clerk if you have questions.

FEE \$ 10

Application Date: 12/10/19

Town Village City of Merrill County of Lincoln

The named organization applies for: (check appropriate box(es).)

A Temporary Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages at picnics or similar gatherings under s. 125.26(6), Wis. Stats.

A Temporary "Class B" license to sell wine at picnics or similar gatherings under s. 125.51(10), Wis. Stats.

at the premises described below during a special event beginning 2/3/20 and ending 2/8/20 and agrees to comply with all laws, resolutions, ordinances and regulations (state, federal or local) affecting the sale of fermented malt beverages and/or wine if the license is granted.

1. ORGANIZATION (check appropriate box) Bona fide Club Church Lodge/Society Veteran's Organization Fair Association

(a) Name Rotary Club of Merrill

(b) Address _____
(Street)

(c) Date organized 1907 Town Village City

(d) If corporation, give date of incorporation _____

(e) If the named organization is not required to hold a Wisconsin seller's permit pursuant to s. 77.54 (7m), Wis. Stats., check this box:

(f) Names and addresses of all officers:

President Dean Elbe

Vice President _____

Secretary Carri Kennedy

Treasurer Brian Richards

(g) Name and address of manager or person in charge of affair: Kris McGaricle
Bell Tower Residence, 1500 O'Day St, Merrill WI 54452

2. LOCATION OF PREMISES WHERE BEER AND/OR WINE WILL BE SOLD:

(a) Street number 1500 O'Day St, Merrill

(b) Lot _____ Block _____

(c) Do premises occupy all or part of building? part

(d) If part of building, describe fully all premises covered under this application, which floor or floors, or room or rooms, license is to cover: Assisi Hall

3. NAME OF EVENT

(a) List name of the event Artisan Showcase

(b) Dates of event February 8, 2020

DECLARATION

The Officer(s) of the organization, individually and together, declare under penalties of law that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Officer [Signature] 12/11/19
(Signature/date)

Officer [Signature] 12/4/19
(Signature/date)

Date Filed with Clerk 12/10/19

Date Granted by Council _____

Rotary Club of Merrill
(Name of Organization)

Officer [Signature] 12/2/19
(Signature/date)

Officer _____
(Signature/date)

Date Reported to Council or Board _____

License No. 08866

City of Merrill - Water and Sewage Charges			
	2018	2019	2020
Water Tap 3/4" (Includes Corp.)	\$112.80	\$116.20	\$119.70
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Water Tap 1" (Includes Corp.)	\$137.50	\$141.65	\$145.90
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Water Tap 1 1/2" (Includes Corp.)	\$422.45	\$435.15	\$448.20
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Water Tap 2"	\$472.45	\$486.65	\$501.25
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Flush Private Hydrant	\$298.60	\$307.55	\$316.80
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Water Tap - Larger than 2"	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
Raise "New" Curb Boxes	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
Sewer Tap 4" (Includes Saddle)*	\$137.40	\$141.50	\$145.75
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Sewer Tap 6" (Includes Saddle)	\$154.50	\$159.15	\$163.90
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Public Labor Charge	\$42.15	\$43.40	\$44.70
	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%
Backhoe & Operator	\$95.70	\$98.55	\$101.50
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Thawing Machine (Including personnel - 2)	\$102.80	\$105.90	\$109.10
Outside normal hours - \$15.00/hr.	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
for machine plus labor cost	\$2,019.00		
Valve Turned on at curb stop (PSC)	PSC	PSC	PSC
Reinstallation of meter/valving curb stop (PSC)	PSC	PSC	PSC
Jet Vactor Truck (Including personnel - 2)	\$178.60	\$183.95	\$189.50
Outside normal hours - \$79.00/hr.	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
for truck plus labor cost.			

Attachment: Water & Sewage Service Fees 2020 (4732 : Consider 3.0% adjustment to Water & Sewage Service Fees for 2020)

Reviewed by
Water Sewage Committee - 2019-_____

City of Merrill - Water and Sewage Charges			
	2018	2019	2020
Laboratory Cost - Test Observation Wells	\$2,318.85	\$2,388.50	\$2,460.15
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
B.O.D. Test	\$35.55	\$36.60	\$37.70
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Suspended Solids Test	\$17.15	\$17.65	\$18.18
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Total Solids Test	\$17.15	\$17.65	\$18.18
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
PH Test	\$12.09	\$12.45	\$12.82
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
C.O.D. Test	\$27.87	\$28.70	\$29.55
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Phosphorus Test	\$34.27	\$35.30	\$36.35
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Holding Tank Disposal	\$9.55	\$9.85	\$10.15
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Fixed Charge Per Load - Holding Tank	\$11.08	\$11.40	\$11.74
	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

Attachment: Water & Sewage Service Fees 2020 (4732 : Consider 3.0% adjustment to Water & Sewage Service Fees for 2020)

Reviewed by
Water Sewage Committee - 2019-_____

Common Council - Adopted: _____



CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2019

Strategic Planning Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mike Ravn called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Excused	
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	6:02 PM
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

Other attendees: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Police Chief Corey Bennett, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Josh Klug, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Park & Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek, Mike Ravn (Meeting Facilitator), Bill Bialecki, John Greenwood, LaDonna Fermanich, Allen Wix, Sharon Anderson, Lee Opsahl, Jim Wedemeyer, Kyle Gulke, September Murphy, Gene Bebel, Debbie Kinsey, Jean Greenwood and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Hunter Lane was present to videotape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Did not occur.

III. Agenda Items for Consideration:

1. Prioritize key long-term strategic objectives.

Mike Ravn began with introductory remarks. Based on work done at previous meetings, he then offered a list of seven main objectives for consideration. They were as follows:

1. Economic Development
2. Attract people to Merrill
3. Create Merrill identity and vision (Marketing)
4. Create systematic approach to infrastructure
5. Create consistent tax policy/formula
6. Increase citizen engagement in City issues
7. Retention and/or expansion of City services

The seven objectives were then discussed. There seemed to be consensus that there was some "overlap" and that some of the objectives could be combined.

Attachment: Committee Reports (4748 : Filing committee reports)

Advertising of jobs was discussed.

Discussion was then held on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, followed by discussion on the duties/scope of the Redevelopment Authority.

At 7:00 P.M., Mike Ravn announced a recess. Sticker "dots" were distributed, and participants were asked to place the "dots" on the objectives that they saw as most important.

At 7:15 P.M., Mike Ravn called the meeting back to order. The "dot" voting resulted in the top three "vote getters" receiving considerably more votes than the other four.

The importance of providing adequate and high-quality child care was mentioned. It was suggested that perhaps the City and a private entity could combine their efforts to provide child care for their employees.

Mike Ravn suggested retaining the four objectives that received the most votes. It was then suggested that the top three objectives be retained, and that the other objectives be combined into a fourth objective to be retained. There was no objection to the second suggestion, so four main objectives will be included in the new Strategic Plan as we move forward.

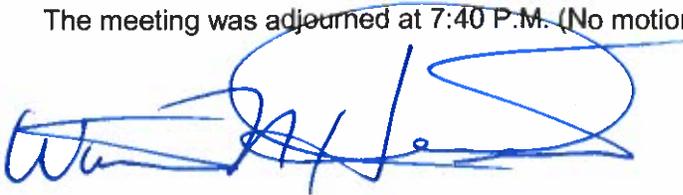
For the next meeting, Mike Ravn will prepare a list of the four objectives. At that meeting, strategic initiatives and action plans will be developed as tools to use in achieving the objectives.

IV. Public Comment Period

Did not occur.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M. (No motion or vote).





CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2019

Strategic Planning Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mike Ravn called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Excused	
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	Excused	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Alderman - Eighth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Present	

Also 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, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek, Mike Ravn (Meeting Facilitator), Allen Wix, Lee Opsahl, Sharon Anderson, LaDonna Fermanich, Jean Greenwood, Kyle Gulke, John Greenwood, Cheryl Kanitz, Gene Bebel, Jon Leiskau, Bill Bialecki, September Murphy, Debbie Kinsey and City Clerk Bill Heideman (arr. 6:10 P.M.). Hunter Lane was present to videotape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Did not occur.

III. Agenda Items for Consideration:

1. Development of strategic initiatives and action plans to achieve Merrill's strategic objectives.

Mike Ravn begin with introductory remarks and instructions. He noted that the goal of this meeting was to complete templates related to the four main strategic initiatives that have been identified. Four tables have been prepared and the people sitting at each table will work together on one of the four initiatives. The groups were given 30 minutes to formulate actions steps to accomplish the initiative they were assigned. They were instructed to then prioritize their three most important action steps.

The four main initiatives are related to the following:

1. Increase citizen/civic engagement in City issues
2. Achieve a balance of taxes and services provided
3. Attract more people to Merrill

4. Increase the City tax base

After 30 minutes each table reported on their template, as follows:

1. John Greenwood - Civic Engagement
2. Alderman Hass - Taxes and Services
3. Debbie Kinsey - Attracting People
4. Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey - Tax Base

Mike Ravn then asked that a representative from each table submit their documentation to him or to City Attorney Hayden as soon as possible. Based on that documentation, a "draft" document will be prepared before the next meeting.

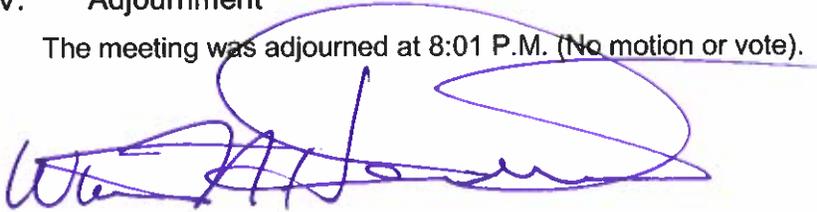
Mike Ravn then suggested the possibility of adding one meeting to the Strategic Planning meetings schedule. If scheduled, that meeting will be in January of 2020.

IV. Public Comment Period

Did not occur.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M. (No motion or vote).





CITY OF MERRILL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES • WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2019

Strategic Planning Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mike Ravn called the meeting to order at 6:01 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	Absent	

Others in attendance: Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Transit Director Brad Brummond, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Park & Recreation Director Dan Wendorf, Facilities Maintenance Manager Nick Wszalek, Lori Anderson-Malm, Jean Greenwood, LaDonna Fermanich, Lee Opsahl, John Greenwood, Allen Wix, Jon Leiskau, Mike Ravn (Meeting Facilitator), September Murphy, Bill Bialecki, Debbie Kinsey, Gary Broesch, Gene Bebel and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Hunter Lane was present to videotape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Did not occur.

III. Agenda Items for Consideration:

1. Continue review of Merrill's future Strategic Plan.

Mike Ravn began with introductory remarks. He suggested that one more meeting be held. He also suggested that the meeting be held at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020, before the Common Council meeting that same evening. There was no objection to his suggestions.

Four documents were distributed. Each document contained information on one of the four Strategic Issues and the tasks/action steps necessary to address the issue. Each task/action steps also included the following information:

1. Person(s) responsible for implementing the step?
2. When is this step to be completed?
3. What resources are needed to complete this step?:
4. How will we know if the step has been completed/worked?

Attachment: Committee Reports (4748 : Filing committee reports)

Mike Ravn then asked that each table review their document and make any necessary amendments, additions or deletions.

After the document review period ended, Mike Ravn called on each table for a verbal report, which were provided as follows:

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel spoke on behalf of the table responsible for Strategic Issue #3. That issue reads as follows: *"How does Merrill create an acceptable balance of taxes and "municipal services?"*.

John Greenwood spoke on behalf of the table responsible for Strategic Issue #4. That issue reads as follows: *"How does Merrill increase civic engagement in government issues?"*.

Library Director Stevens spoke on behalf of the table responsible for Strategic Issue #2. That issue reads as follows: *"How can Merrill attract more people (young and old) to live, work and play in our city?"*.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey spoke on behalf of the table responsible for Strategic Issue #1. That issue reads as follows: *"How can Merrill city government help grow the city's tax base?"*.

Based on suggestions from meeting participants, a list of creative ideas for potential inclusion in the plan was then created.

IV. Schedule Next Meeting

As discussed earlier in the meeting, another meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th, 2020. It will begin at 6:00 P.M. and will be held in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

V. Public Comment Period

Did not occur.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M. (No motion or vote).





CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES • THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 2019

Regular Meeting**Bierman Building****6:00 PM****I. Call to Order**

Alderman Norton called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. Note: A quorum of members was not present at the meeting, so Alderman Norton announced that the meeting would consist of discussion only and that no decisions would be made.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Caylor	Food Vendor Rep.	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Alderman - Eighth District	Present	
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Excused	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Excused	
Bryan Bloch	Rodeo Assn. Rep.	Excused	
Brad Becker	Fair Assn. Rep.	Excused	

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Festival Grounds Manager Richard Bjorklund, Krista Mitchell, September Murphy, Darrell Barker and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Hunter Lane was present to videotape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

II. Minutes of previous meeting(s):**1. Minutes of October 3, 2019 meeting**

The minutes were not considered.

III. Agenda items for consideration:**1. Discuss location(s) for paving on the grounds in 2020**

An aerial map of the grounds was distributed.

\$150,000 is available for paving the grounds in 2020. Options for paving various areas of the grounds were discussed. Mike Caylor suggested that no decision(s) on paving site(s) should be made until the permanent vendors have an opportunity to provide input.

After discussion, it was decided that this this item should remain on future agendas until firm decisions are made. Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey will be directed to further explore various paving options and provide cost estimates.

No action taken at this time.

2. Fair exhibit and entertainment options

This agenda item was not considered.

3. Use of cattle barn for animals during natural disasters

Alderman Norton requested that the order of agenda items be changed and that this item be discussed immediately after the call to order. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Attachment: Committee Reports (4748 : Filing committee reports)

Lincoln County Emergency Management Director September Murphy explained that she has begun researching the possibility of designating the cattle barn at the Festival Grounds as a shelter for pets and other domesticated animals in instances of natural disasters. The facility could be used for a single incident as well as for extensive disasters. Committee members in attendance supported this concept.

Work will continue on this. An agreement will be drafted for consideration at the next meeting.

No action was taken at this time.

4. Calendar of events

The calendar was in the meeting packet.

IV. Monthly Reports:

1. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund

The report was in the meeting packet.

2. Food Vendor Rep. Caylor - No report, because Food Vendor Committee did not meet.

V. Public Comment Period

Alderman Sabatke inquired as to the status of the cattle barn rehabilitation project. He was told that the project would be bid in the spring of 2020.

Alderman Sabatke then asked about the status of the proposed ordinance that would alter the composition of the Festival Grounds Committee. He was informed that consideration of the ordinance had been delayed until after the 2020 budget process was completed.

VI. Establish date, time & location of next meeting

The next meeting was not scheduled.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M. (No motion or vote).

**T. B. Scott Free Library Board of Trustees
REGULAR MEETING
December 18th, 2019**

Minutes

1. Opening

President Mike Geisler called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Library Board Room. Present: Katie Breitenmoser, Paul Gilk, Audrey Huftel, Tim Meehean, Richard Mamer, and Jim Wedemeyer. Excused: Gene Bebel and Darcy Dalsky. Also present: Laurie Ollhoff, John Greenwood, Tim Panfil, and Draco F. from MP3.

A copy of the letter sent to MCPL Board President was provided in the board packet. Ms. Stevens shared the annual Endowment Fund donation letter sent out this month as well as the amount of donations generated as a result of these letters over the last 5 years.

Mr. Panfil was introduced. As a member of the Tomahawk Library Board and the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, he wished to understand this library board's position regarding MCPL exploration of moving to SCLS. Mr. Panfil was given a copy of the letter sent to MCPL Board President dated December 10th.

2. Consent Items

M Meehean/S Huftel/C to approve the minutes of the November meeting as printed. M Meehean/S Mamer/C to accept the Monthly Revenue & Expense Report for November as printed.

3. Reports/Discussion Items/Action Items

A. Appointment of the Nominating Committee: Mr. Meehean was appointed to the nominating committee; he will report at the next meeting.

B. 2020 Budget Update: Ms. Stevens discussed a change in an employee's health care insurance coverage and the potential impact on the 2020 budget.

C. Quarterly Contract Review: John Greenwood: Mr. Greenwood briefly discussed and presented documents providing details on: Review of Building Merrill Together Series; update on Aware and Active Citizens quarterly meetings and subcommittee meetings; and update on the fulfilment of the grant through the Wisconsin Humanities Council. November task log was provided. M Gilk/S Breitenmoser/C to approve the payment of \$7,560 for consulting services with John Greenwood for the year 2020 from the Endowment Fund as presented.

D. Status of Church Property: Board members remain concerned about potential uses of the building as it relates to the shared parking lot. Ms. Stevens is not aware of any developments regarding the property.

E. Strategic Plan Progress-Goals #4: Goal #4 was presented with objectives and measurable outcomes.

F. Trustee Essential #16-Ethics and Conflict of Interest Laws Applying to Trustees: Copies were provided of Trustee Essential #16.

G. Reports from Friends/WVLS Representative: The Friends did not hold their December meeting due to weather.

4. Forthcoming Events & Library Director Report

- November Statistical Report was presented.
- Carpet is scheduled to be installed the week of Christmas.
- Restricted parking signs for the public parking lot have been ordered.
- Leigh Yawkey Art Program for Family Storytime was held again today as well as several class visits.

T.B. Scott Free Library

Board of Trustees

December 18th, 2019

- Upcoming programs in 2020 were highlighted: Night sky program at the school forest with UWSP professor on Jan. 10th; Homelessness program featuring local author Jim Finucan Jan. 12th; Sawmill Short Story Book Club continues on Jan. 13th; Family Fun Night January 23rd -Winter Wonderland; Bullying program co-hosted with MAPS Jan. 29th; Written Off-Collaborative event with Lincoln County Healthy Minds on Feb. 3rd.

5. Adjournment:

M Meehean/S Mamer/C to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on January 15th at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

Stacy D. Stevens, Secretary

Attachment: Committee Reports (4748 : Filing committee reports)

NOVEMBER '19 MEETING MINUTES**Merrill Enrichment Center Committee**Meeting was held on Nov. 21st, 2019 at 3:15pm

Merrill Enrichment Center Conference Room – 303 N. Sales Street

Present: Laura Bertagnoli (Chair), Gene Bebel, Rose Akey, Sharon Harvey.*Absent:* Paul Russell (Alderson), Mollie Stencil, Rev. Lucas Williams, Jennifer Clark (ADRC Representative).**1. Opening**

- a. Bertagnoli called the meeting to order.

2. Consent Items

- a. Motion made by Bebel, second by Akey to approve October '19 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Akey second by Harvey to approve October '19 monthly vouchers. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

- a. Theresa Baker attended the meeting. She is a new participant at the Center and expressed interest in attending the committee meetings. She shared how great the classes are and how wonderful our stained glass instructor/MEC assistant Stephanie is. She was impressed with the price of the class versus more expensive offerings elsewhere.

4. ADRC

- a. No representative.

5. Discussion

- a. Director informed Committee that the Budget was approved. MEC had a zero percent increase for 2020. Director did inform the Council that if growth continues as it has we would be looking to add additional staff.
- b. We did not have exact numbers for how much revenue the Expo brought in for 2019. We will have this on our January agenda for discussion – relative to the fees MEC pays back to the city each year.
- c. Thanksgiving numbers at the time of this meeting were 140. Director will discuss final numbers in January meeting. Further discussion revolved around the fact that there are only four churches in our area hosting the Thanksgiving meal. Director shared that many small churches in our area have expressed a willingness to help with will begin reaching out to small parishes in our community to see if together they can round up enough volunteers to help the MEC host next years meal.
- d. Additional topics that came up during the meeting included our Christmas Joy outreach, the results of the Ministry Lock-Up, our new punch cards, starting a “Friends of the MEC” board, and future goals and objectives. All of these items will be discussed further in our January meeting.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Bebel second by Harvey.

Next meeting date is **January 16th at 3:15pm in the MEC Conference room.***Vouchers will be available for review 15 minutes prior to meeting time.**Respectfully submitted,**TMrachek*Tammie Mrachek
MEC Director*Enrichment Center Mission Statement: Dedicated to Enhancing Lives and Bringing Generations Together*

City of Merrill
Meeting of Redevelopment Authority (RDA)

Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Common Council Chambers

RDA Present: Ken Maule, Clyde Nelson, Tony Kusserow, Steve Sabatke, Sheila Polak, Lori Anderson-Malm, and Derek Woellner (whom arrived at 8:18 a.m.)

Others: Alderperson Rick Blake, City Clerk Bill Heideman, City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, Bill Bialecki from Lincoln County Economic Development Corp., and Merrill Productions camera operator

Call to Order: Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Introduction of new RDA Commissioner: Lori Anderson-Malm highlighted her background. She replaces Dan Koblitz whom resigned when moving outside of Wisconsin.

Consider approval of RDA meeting minutes from October 2nd, 2019:

Motion (Anderson-Malm/Kusserow) to approve the meeting minutes from October 2nd, 2019 with one correction provided by Maule (i.e. acres not area). Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Update on proposed Ryan Ott Construction residential development plan (former Kienitz parcel – TID No. 11):

Due to the availability and affordability of concrete contractors, Ryan Ott Construction was unable to proceed with the residential development in Fall 2019. Property title remains with the City of Merrill and the proposed Certified Survey Map (CSM) has not been recorded.

City Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel reported that if the development was potential duplexes instead of single-family homes on W. St. Paul St. that the lot size would need to be increased from 93' to 104" and would require rezoning through the City Plan Commission. Sabatke suggested that neighboring property owners might object to potential rezoning.

Unertl recommended that TID No. 11 not incur any additional costs for potential CSM or Plat changes if Ryan Ott Construction decided to propose duplexes and request rezoning.

Update on proposed new restaurant site acquisition from Wal-Mart (east of Park City Credit Union – TID No. 3):

A revised site plan layout was distributed. New layout is about 4,800 sq. ft. which is about 1,000 sq. ft. larger than previously proposed. Additional on-site parking is being required by Wal-Mart as contingency on the land sale. LCEDC's Bialecki advised that the developer has hired a new architect and is committed to the June 1st, 2020 construction starting timeframe. The proposed restaurant would serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Request from Bryan Hoffman to consider potential creation of new Tax Increment District (TID) to facilitate construction of storage buildings on S. Center Ave. :

Hoffman's development site is within the City of Merrill; however, is further than ½ mile from the southern boundary of existing TID No. 9. Hoffman has already constructed two storage buildings fronting South Center Ave. There is potential for two (or potentially four) more storage units. The development site is part of larger thirty-two acre parcel. There is another undeveloped parcel to the west extending to Lincoln County Hwy Q.

At the October 2nd, 2019 RDA meeting, Maule requested information on potential paving costs. Hoffman provided an estimate of \$2.25 per sq. ft. (for estimated total of \$67,500). Hoffman's request for potential TID cash development assistance came first on the day he obtained a City building permit.

Although technically possible to create a new Tax Increment District, both City Administrator Johnson and RDA Secretary Unertl recommend against proceeding based upon the current plans. RDA Commissioner discussions focused upon estimated cost of \$12,000 to potential create new TID, adjacent single-family development directly to the north of the storage unit development area, and timing of Hoffman's request when construction already underway.

Motion (Anderson-Malm/Woellner) to deny the request to consider planning new tax increment district based upon the preliminary development concept. Carried. Nelson advised that Commissioners could revisit the TID request if firmer future development plans.

Quarterly employee count information from FreMarq Innovations (1101 N. Mill St. – TID No. 7):

Unertl distributed employee counts for 3rd and 4th quarters of 2019 from IRS Form 941 information. The 8/16/2019 FreMarq Innovations certification was at 51 employees. The employment dipped to 42 as of 9/12/2019 and had increased to 54 as of 12/12/2019.

To convert the \$100,000 TID No. 7 loan into a forgivable grant (i.e. no repayment), the employee level of 50 needs to be retained for two-years. Nelson requested City Attorney Hayden prepare draft letter regarding the technical development agreement default for Commissioner review at the next meeting. RDA Commission discussion focused upon extending the two-year monitoring period beginning with mid-December 2019.

Monthly status update on Impact Seven's six-month purchase option (former Fox Point site - TID No. 10):

Johnson reported that Impact Seven representatives continue with their planning and due diligence process.

Sabatke commented that there is an existing snowmobile trail running along the development site and church property toward the Eagles Club.

Continued review and discussion of TID development overview, background information, and development agreement formats:

Nelson and Unertl noted that pending development agreements have included provisions discussed in mid-2019 such as property title revision (if City-owned land), development timeframes, and TID cash development reductions if developments don't meet timeframes and minimum new valuation projections.

RDA Commissioner consensus with these types of provisions.

Review and discuss why RDA has Closed Sessions and need to maintain confidentiality during negotiations):

For competitive and bargaining reasons, it is important to maintain confidentiality during negotiations. Unertl commented that sometimes if known that the City of Merrill is interested in purchasing property, the asking price increases.

Next RDA meeting: Thursday, February 20th at 8:00 a.m.

Besides reviewing the draft letter to FreMarq Innovations and update on Ott residential development plans, the agenda will include review of December 2009 Center on Wisconsin Strategy document titled "Efficient and Strategic TID Use" that Woellner forwarded to RDA Chair Nelson.

Adjournment: (Woellner) to adjourn at 8:42 a.m. Carried.

Minutes prepared by RDA Secretary Kathy Unertl



CITY OF MERRILL
WATER & SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES • WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2019

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Norton called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Steve Osness	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	

Others in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rod Akey, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Police Chief Corey Bennett and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Hunter Lane was present to videotape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

II. Preliminary Items

1. August Vouchers
2. September Vouchers
3. October Vouchers
4. November Vouchers

Motion (Osness/Rick) to approve the vouchers for August, September, October and November.

RESULT: APPROVED

III. Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Consider 3.0% adjustment to Water & Sewage Service Fees for 2020

A copy of the proposed adjustments was in the meeting packet.

It was noted that this increase is only for specialized services that may be requested or necessary. It is not an increase in general water and sewer rates and would not result in an increase to a standard water/sewer bill.

Motion (Rick/Osness) to approve.

RESULT: APPROVED & SENT TO COUNCIL **Next: 1/14/2020 7:00 PM**

2. Discussion on potential internal funding for lead service line replacement

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reported that Public Service Regulations prohibit using the water utility as a source for an internal loan program. He does not think that an internal loan program needs to be established at this time.

Work continues on identifying which locations might still have lead lines. No action was taken at this time.

IV. Monthly Report

1. Operations Report

The report was in the meeting packet.

Utility Operations Manager Steinagel reviewed the monthly report and provided additional verbal information.

The "grades" from the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report were also in the meeting packet. An "A" grade was received in all categories, resulting in a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average.

Upon being asked, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel provided data on levels since the power mixer was installed. The purchase of another mixer is being considered.

V. Public Comment Period

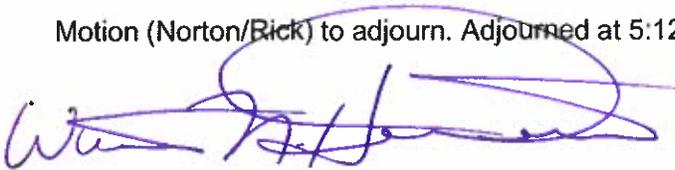
None.

VI. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (Norton/Rick) to adjourn. Adjourned at 5:12 P.M. (No vote to adjourn was taken).



CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452-2586

AN ORDINANCE: by Mayor Woellner
Re: Amending Chapter 18, Article II, Section 18-21

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-
Introduced: January 14, 2020
1st Reading: _____
2nd Reading: _____
3rd Reading: _____
Committee/Commission Action:
DIRECTLY BY MAYOR WOELLNER

Attachment: Ordinance on Budget Policy (4752 : Ordinance on policy limiting annual tax rate increase)

AN ORDINANCE

The Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 113, Article V, Section 113-138, 139, 140 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Merrill is amended as follows:

Sec. 18-21. - City budget.

(a) *Departmental estimates.* On or before September 1 of each year, each officer, department, board and committee shall file with the director of finance an itemized statement of disbursements made to carry out the powers and duties of such officer, department, board or committee during the preceding fiscal year, and a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of any special fund under the supervision of such officer, department, board or committee during such year, and of the conditions and management of such fund; also detailed estimates of the same matters for the current fiscal year and for the ensuing fiscal year. Such statements shall be presented in the form prescribed by the city and shall be designated as departmental estimates, and shall be as nearly uniform as possible for the main division of all departments.

(b) *Consideration of estimates.* The personnel and finance committee shall consider such departmental estimates in consultation with the department head, recommend to the common council a budget amount for such department or activity.

(c) *Proposed budget.* On or before October 20, the personnel and finance committee shall prepare and submit to the common council a proposed budget presenting a financial plan for conducting the city's affairs for the ensuing calendar year. The budget shall include the following information:

- (1) The expense of conducting each department and activity of the city for the ensuing fiscal year and last preceding fiscal year, with reasons provided for increase and decrease recommended as compared with appropriations for the current year.
- (2) An itemization of all anticipated income from the city from sources other than general property taxes and bonds issued, with a comparative statement of

the amounts received by the city from each of the same, or similar sources for the last preceding and current fiscal year.

(3) An estimate of the amount of money to be raised from general property taxes which, with income from other sources, will be necessary to meet the proposed expenditures, while keeping any tax rate increase percentage less than the Social Security Cost-Of-Living Adjustment for that levy year.

(4) Such other information as may be required by the common council and by state law.

(d) *Copies of budget.* The director of finance shall provide a reasonable number of copies of the budget summary thus prepared for distribution to the citizens. The entire fiscal budget shall be available for public inspection in the office of the director of finance during regular office hours.

(e) Hearing.

(1) The personnel and finance committee shall submit to the common council, at the time the annual budget is submitted, the draft of an appropriation ordinance providing for the expenditures proposed for the ensuing fiscal year. Upon the submission of the proposed appropriation ordinance to the common council, it shall be deemed to have been regularly introduced therein.

(2) A summary of such budget and notice of the time and place where such budget and detail is available for public inspection, and notice of the time and place for holding the public hearing thereof, shall be published in the official newspaper of the city at least 15 days prior to the time of such public hearing.

(3) Not less than 15 days after the publication of the proposed budget, and the notice of hearing thereof, the public hearing shall be held at the time and place stipulated, at which time any resident or taxpayer of the city shall have an opportunity to be heard on the proposed budget. The budget hearing may be adjourned from time to time.

(4) Following the public hearing, the proposed appropriation ordinance may be changed or amended and shall take the same course in the common council as other ordinances.

Section 2 Severability. In the event any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. It is the legislative intent of the Common Council that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal provision had not been included or any illegal application had not been made.

Section 3 Repeal and Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Moved by: _____

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____

Published: _____

Attachment: Ordinance on Budget Policy (4752 : Ordinance on policy limiting annual tax rate increase)

Approved:

Derek Woellner, Mayor

Attest:

William N. Heideman, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. _____**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF MERRILL, WI TO BE A SECOND AMMENDMENT SANCTUARY CITY**

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms is guaranteed as an Individual Right under the Second Amendment to The United States Constitution and under the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, Article 1, Section 25 - " The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose"

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable right by the People of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin and;

WHEREAS, the People of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within the city of Merrill using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and;

WHEREAS, the Merrill, Wisconsin City Council, has been elected to represent the people of Merrill, Wisconsin and being duly sworn by their oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and;

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin State Senate and Wisconsin State Assembly, been elected by the people of the state of Wisconsin and been duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Merrill are opposed to any legislation considered by the Wisconsin State Legislature that would infringe the right to keep and bear arms and would ban the possession and use of any firearms, magazines, ammunition or body armor now employed by individual citizens of Merrill, Wisconsin for defense of life, liberty and property or would require a firearms owners ID card or tax the possession of the firearms or ammunition within Merrill Wisconsin;

Be it resolved the people of Merrill, Wisconsin hereby declare the City of Merrill to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary City.

Be it further the resolved the People of Merrill, Wisconsin affirms support of the Merrill Police Department to exercise sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen any unconstitutional firearms laws;

Be it further resolved that the Merrill City Council will not appropriate any funds for any enforcement of unconstitutional laws against the people of Merrill, Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the people of Merrill, Wisconsin, do hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the rights of the people to keep and bear arms, and consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful legislative authority.

Recommended by: Common Council

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Moved: _____

Derek Woellner
Mayor

Passed: _____

William N. Heideman
City Clerk

Attachment: Resolution declaring Merrill a second amendment sanctuary city (4755 : Resolution declaring city a second amendment sanctuary

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION HONORING MIKE WEIX FOR HIS LONG-TIME SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, Mike Weix has served the City of Merrill Street Department for 30 years; and,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by dedication to the best interests of our community and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mike Weix has earned the admiration and respect of his fellow employees by the way in which he has carried out his duties; and

WHEREAS, Mike Weix’s skills, and experience, and cheerful manner will be missed at the City of Merrill Street Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of January, 2020, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Mike Weix has given the City of Merrill Street Department and commends him for those 30 years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Mike Weix, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Merrill Street Department, and extend our warmest wishes for his enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

Recommended by: Common Council

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Moved: _____

Derek Woellner
Mayor

Passed: _____

William N. Heideman
City Clerk

Attachment: Resolution on Weix retirement (4753 : Resolution honoring Mike Weix)

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION HONORING KATHY SEUBERT FOR HER LONG-TIME SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, Kathy Seubert has served the City of Merrill Clerk-Treasurer’s Office for 40 years; and,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by dedication to the best interests of our community and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Seubert has earned the admiration and respect of her fellow employees by the way in which she has carried out her duties; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Seubert’s skills, experience, and cheerful manner will be missed at the City of Merrill Clerk-Treasurer’s Office and City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of January, 2020, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Kathy Seubert has given the City of Merrill Clerk-Treasurer’s Office and the City overall, and commends her for those 40 years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we do hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Kathy Seubert, congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement from the City of Merrill Clerk-Treasurer’s Office, and extend our warmest wishes for her enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

Recommended: Common Council CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Moved: _____
Derek Woellner
Mayor

Passed: _____
William N. Heideman
City Clerk

Attachment: Resolution on Seubert retirement (4754 : Resolution honoring Kathy Seubert)