

CITY OF MERRILL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 8:00 A.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
1004 E. First Street

Voting members: Ronald Peterson, Chairman, Alderman Paul Russell, Pete Koblitz,
Nancy Kwiesielewicz, Adam Rekau, Daniel Schneider and Betsy Wiesneski.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment
3. May 30, 2019 meeting minutes
4. Community Development Growth in 2019 Report
5. The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statutes Sec. 19.85 (1) (f) for consideration of personal financial data related to File#09001 request for an Subordination.
6. If the Committee has convened in closed session, the Committee will then reconvene in open session; the committee will possibly take action on File#09001
7. Adjourn

Ronald Peterson, Chairman

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, May 30, 2019, City Hall, Merrill, WI

Present: Ron Peterson, Pete Koblitz, Adam Rekau, Nancy Kwiesielewicz and Betsy Wiesneski.

Present: ken Maule, Lincoln County Economic Development Director and Shari Wicke, Community Development Program Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Koblitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Ms. Wiesneski. The motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Ms. Wiesneski to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Statutes Section 19.85(i) (f) for consideration of personal financial related to Economic Development loan application File#19002; seconded by Mr. Koblitz the motion carried 5-0 on roll vote.

Motion to reconvene in open session was made by Mr. Koblitz; seconded by Ms. Kwiesielewicz, motion carried. The meeting reconvened in open session.

Motion made by Ms. Kwiesielewicz to approve a loan up to \$20,000 to Ana Blair's Boutique, LLC, File#19002, a loan term of 7 years at 2% interest. The loan will be secured by Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) on equipment and inventory and Personal Guaranty; seconded by Mr. Rekau, motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Rekau made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Koblitz. The motion carried. Adjournment was at 8:10a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Wicke

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROWTH IN 2019



Prepared by
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Community Development Department:

The purpose of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is to rehabilitate and improve residential property occupied by low and moderate income (LMI) residents in the City of Merrill. CDBG loans are specifically used to improve the home with siding, roof, windows, insulation, doors, drywall repairs, furnace, water heater, and plumbing. This program is a win/win situation for the homeowner and the City. The homeowner gets a 0% deferred loan to make improvements to their home and the City benefits by cleaning up the neighborhoods and a possible increase in tax base. Homeowner applicants must have adequate equity in their property to secure the City's CDBG loan.

2019 Community Development (CDBG) Loans to City Residents:

- 19 Homeowner applicants were contacted by the Community Development Program Administrator in 2019.
- 6 Homeowners were given for assistance with Northwood housing Region Community Development Program in 2019.
- 9 were denied for various reasons; no security, homeowner denied loan, delinquent on property taxes, foreclosure or bankruptcy procedures have been filed.
- 4 Homeowners in the City were granted a loan for rehabilitation in 2019. Homeowner loans totaling \$80,550.00

- Since 1985 the CDBG Program has assisted 629 homeowners in the City of Merrill. We currently have funded \$5,912,429.20 in CDBG Housing mortgages for the community.
- The CDBG Program has assisted 33 Landlords that rent to low to moderate income tenants in the City of Merrill. We currently have funded \$755,627.01 in CDBG Rental mortgages for the community.
- **The CDBG Program has reimbursed \$1,300.00 to the city for my wages from the Inspection fee charge.**
- **The 2019 reimbursed amount to the city for Shari Wicke's wages from the Community Development Block Grant Administration \$12,591.45.**