

**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**

Thursday, June 18, 2020 • 5:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers – City Hall • 1004 E. First St., Merrill, WI

Members Present: Nicole Johnson (Secretary), Don Heyel, Paul Russell, Lisa Gervais, Norm Hanson  
Members Absent: n/a  
Others Present: Fire Chief Klug, Police Chief Bennett, Mayor, Derek Woellner, and City Administrator Dave Johnson

**I. Call to Order:**

Temporary Chairman Woellner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. Public Comment Period:**

Chief Bennett gave an update of the Merrill PD about upcoming retirements, promotions, etc.  
No public comments.

**III. Election of Chair:**

Position of Commission Chairperson available: Don Heyel made a nomination of Paul Russell. *Carried.*  
Russell took over remainder of meeting as newly elected Chair and Woellner excused himself.

**IV. Closed Session(s):** Convened at 5:15 p.m.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c), moved (Russell/Johnson) that the Commission go into closed session “to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Commission has jurisdiction of exercises responsibility. *Carried.*

**V. Reconvene in Open Session:** Reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

The committee may reconvene in open session to approve 4/4 candidates for the option to hire for the MFD.  
Motion to move to open session (Heyel/Johnson). *Carried.*

Moved to allow Chief Klug to continue with all four applicants. *Carried 5/5 vote.*

**VI. Adjournment:**

Moved to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. (Heyel/Gervais). *Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Johnson  
Secretary  
Merrill Police and Fire Commission