

**City of Merrill
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
608 Main St, Merrill, Iowa**

A regular meeting of the Merrill City Council was held June 16, 2025. Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and proceeded by roll call. Council seats attending: Conley, Held, Hoyt, Hemmelman and Rieken. Other attendees: P. Gray, S. Harkness, and R. Eickholt.

APPROVE AGENDA: Held motioned, Hoyt seconded, roll call: all aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Hoyt motioned, Hemmelman seconded, roll call: all aye. Motion carried. (a) Minutes from 05/19/2025 (b) 2025-26 Liquor License Renewal – Merrill Boys

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR JUNE 2025: Conley motioned, Hoyt seconded, roll call: all aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS LIST DATED 06-16-2025: Conley motioned, Hemmelman seconded, roll call: all aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Lila Crosgrove (826 5th) concerns regarding semi-truck traffic and noise on 5th St. Would like a no-truck-route considered. Christina Crosgrove (521 Main) new resident to Merrill making formal introduction; also concerns of traffic speeds on Main St. Council person, Held will follow-up.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: CLERK: Working on FYE processes. 42 delinquent Utility bills. FIRE/EMS: 9 EMS Calls, no Fire. 19 Total members. Ambulance switching to new biller working on final paperwork. EMT hybrid courses beginning Dec 12. LIBRARY: Book Circulation: 241 in-house/231 online, with 208 visitors and \$8.20 in misc. rev. Summer Reading program has begun. MCBC: No June meeting. Merrill daze events went well; foam party was a hit. Purchase of benches crafted by MMCRU Royals were delivered. PUBLIC WORKS: Issues with well; software updates installed to mitigate alarms. POLICE: 26 citations and 2 warnings. Chief Eickholt notified the city he would like to step down July 1st.

OLD BUSINESS (a) Maintenance Building: concrete work completed, with water/sewer established and materials on-site. (b) Lagoon Repairs: Still waiting on FEMA.CAT F is still awaiting EHP approval and CAT F mitigation is awaiting EHP approval.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Conley, seconded by Hemmelman to waive Ballroom Rental Fees for the Merrill Alumni Reunion on Sept 20th, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. (b) Motion by Held, seconded by Conley to approve Connections Congregate Meal Site Agreement for FY2025-26. Roll call: all aye. Motion carried. (c) Motion by Hoyt, seconded by Hemmelman to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22** Transferring 350K of LOST funds to IPAIT account. Roll call: all aye. Motion carried. (d) Motion by Held, seconded by Conley to approve the first reading amending **Ordinance 41.13 (03) Discharging Fireworks**. Roll call: all aye. Motion carried. (e) Motion by Held, seconded by Hemmelman to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading amending **Ordinance 41.13 (03) Discharging Fireworks**. Roll call: all aye. Motion carried. (f) Discussion regarding Police Chief applicants and upcoming interviews, no solid leads, will continue advertising and interviewing.

Motion by Held, seconded by Hemmelman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

CLAIMS LIST 06-16-2025

ACS	QTRLY TESTING	787.75
BACON CREEK DESIGN	PROJ MGR I - MAINT BUILD	390.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	338.03
BARKLEY ASPHALT INC	STREET PATCHING	2,700.00
BERTH LUNDULA	DEPOSIT REFUND-GYM	100.00
BOMGAARS	MISC DEPT SUPPLIES	581.89
CALEB STRUTZ	DRAGON TRAINING ACADEMY	450.00
CASEYS	FD FUEL	260.58
CENTRAL INSURANCE	W/C AUDIT ADJUST 2024-25	2,285.00
CENTRAL STATES	GROUP INS MAY 2025	4,407.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	PRINTER LEASE	113.05
CERTIFIED AMBULANCE	PAYMENT FOR SVS	39.97
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MISC CC PURCHASES	1,199.81
CHEM-SULT INC	WATER CHEMICALS	1,072.00
CJ ENTERPIRSES LLC	SEWER LINE REPAIR	246.00
CORE & MAIN LP	MANHOLE RINGS	844.03
CUGINIS	YARD OF THE MONTH GC	125.00
DEPT OF TREASURY/IRS	FEDERAL DEPOSIT	4,990.24
EAKES	LIB SUPPLIES	11.04
ELLEN GANT	DEP REFUND-SH-HSE	15.00
FIREFLY RESERVATION	RESERVATION FEES	85.00
FLOYD VALLEY	PHARMACY SUPPLIES	1.31

HUNTINGTON	PD LAPTOP LEASE	237.00
IA DEPT OF REV	ST W/H QTR PAYMENT	1,952.60
IA DEPT OF REV	WET TAX MAY 2025	1,216.54
IA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	756.92
IA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SRF LOAN C0911R/C1145R	74,890.00
IA INFO MEDIA GRP	PUBLICATIONS	278.08
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MAYORS ASSOC 2025-26	30.00
IA ONE CALL	UNDERGROUND LOCATES	50.40
IA STATE BANK	FD TRUCK LOAN	2,709.81
IPERS	VENDOR LIABILITY	2,776.97
LE MARS AGRI-CENTER	WEEK KILLER	228.15
MES SERVICE CO	YRLY SVS COMPRESSOR	1,096.80
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY-GAS/ELECTRIC	3,783.39
MMCRU ROYALS	CUSTOM PARK BENCHES (2)	600.00
MURPHY COLLINS MCGILL	LEGAL FEES	262.50
OC SANITATION	GARBAGE SVS MAY 2025	3,368.21
ON THE CLOCK LLC	TIMECLOCK SUB	30.20
PEOPLES BANK	PD CHARER LOAN	1,116.06
PLY CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES MAY 2025	3,911.93
PREMIER COMM	UTILITY PHONE/INTERNET	423.23
STACY DEMPSTER	DEP REFUND -GYM	100.00
TEAMSTERS UNION	UNION DUES JUNE 2025	135.00
TOTAL MOTORS	PD CHARGER TIRE REPAIR	32.05
VERIZON	WIRELESS COMM	132.98
WAGNER AUTO	MISC DEPT SUPPLIES	85.61
	CLAIMS TOTAL	121,247.13
	PAYROLL TOTAL	12,813.80

CLAIMS LIST 05/19/2025 BY FUND

001 GENERAL	32,339.78	
110 ROAD USE TAX	4,342.06	
200 DEBT SERVICE	3,825.87	
300 CAPITAL PROJECT	390.00	
600 WATER	3,099.62	
610 SEWER	2,359.80	
612 SEWER LOAN	74,890.00	
	CLAIMS TOTAL	121,247.13

JUNE RECEIPTS

001 GENERAL	45,264.66	
110 ROAD USE TAX	47,524.27	
112 EMP BENEFIT	343.37	
121 LOST	7,596.00	
200 DEBT SERVICE	46,237.00	
310 FEMA	508.30	
600 WATER	20,432.49	
601 WATER DEPOSIT	125.00	
610 SEWER	31,634.93	
612 SEWER LOAN	86,360.00	
	RECEIPTS TOTAL	286,026.02