

City of Merrill
Council Meeting
Monday, December 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
608 Main St, Merrill, Iowa

A regular meeting of the Merrill City Council was held December 16, 2024. Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present: Conley, Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Also, present: Pat Gray, and Ray Eickholt.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Held, seconded by Hemmelman, roll call vote: ayes: Conley, Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Minutes from 11/18/2024: Motion by Conley, seconded by Held, roll call vote: ayes: Conley, Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR 11-2024: Motion by Conley seconded by Hemmelman, all aye, motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS LIST DATED 12-16-2024: Motion by Held, seconded by Conley, roll call vote: ayes: Conley, Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Norgaard received plywood trail updates to include repairs to be made on trail cracks and grand opening in the spring of 2025

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (a) City clerk noted 32 UB delinquent notices mailed, updates on progress of city software migration, new website launched with new option to “Subscribe to notifications”. (b) Fire/EMS had 9-calls (2 fire/7 AMB), possible new junior member, audit coming soon. (c) Library: Book circulation:146 in-house, 178 online, and 186 visitors with \$6.30 in misc. revenues. Still looking for a Board Member.(d) MCB: Christmas lighting contest winners announced, Breakfast fundraiser on 1/19/25, blood drive coming in February. (e) Maintenance: New led lights installed in the Kissinger gym. (f) P.D: J. Christensen completed reserve officer training and is certified. 78 Citations, new laptops have been ordered.

OLD BUSINESS: Maintenance building: Motion by Held to accept building proposal plans as presented by Bacon Creek Engineering, seconded by Hemmelman, roll call vote: ayes: Conley, Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lagoon Repairs: Status of repairs to pre-disaster state are completed. Still working on FEMA mitigation.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Conley to waive Kissinger rental fees for MCB fundraising events, seconded by Rieken, all aye, motion carried. Motion by Held to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25 EMPLOYEE WAGES FY2024-25** with a wage increase for J. Christensen to \$24 an hour effective 12/16/2024, seconded by Conley, roll call vote: ayes: Conley, Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Conley to approve Siouxland Humane Society Agreement for CY2025, seconded Hemmelman, roll call vote: ayes: Conley, Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Held to forgo the request from Mid-Sioux regarding funding for CY2025, seconded by Hemmelman, roll call vote: ayes: Conley, Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Held, seconded by Conley. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

CLAIMS LIST 12-16-2024

3D AG SERVICES	ANTIFREEZE	279.90
ACCESS PAYMENT PROCESSING	MONTHLY CC SERVICE FEE	10.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY BOOKS	374.79
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	CITY SOFTWARE PMT 1 OF 2	8,651.50
BOMGAARS	MISC SUPPLIES	527.33
CARIE FISCHER	REFUND: GYM DEPOSIT 11/30/24	75.00
CASEY’S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	FUEL CHARGER	398.05
CENTRAL STATES FUNDS	GROUP INSURANCE	4,407.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	PRINTER LEASE	94.31

CERTIFIED AMBULANCE GROUP	CLAIMS PROCESSING	103.99
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MISC CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	1,658.15
DAVE'S ELECTRIC	INSTALLATION GYM LIGHTS	828.92
DEPT OF TREASURY/IRS	FED/FICA TAX	6,628.03
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	KISSINGER FLOOR PADS	43.08
FIREFLY RESERVATION	RESERVATION FEES	56.00
FLOYD VALLEY HEALTHCARE	PHARMACEUTICALS	49.66
FURGUSON ENTERPRISES	MERRILL FIRE STATION BOILER	2,939.25
IMMENSE IMPACT LLC	WEBPAGE PROVIDER ANNUAL FEE	1,064.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WET TAX NOV 2024	1,320.14
IOWA DHS	COLLECTIONS	1,134.44
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SRF LOAN INTEREST-C0911R	10,030.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SRF LOAN INTEREST-C1145R	860.00
IOWA INFORMATION MEDIA	PUBLICATION MEETING	160.31
IOWA STATE BANK	FIRE TRUCK LOAN PMT	1,346.35
IOWA STATE BANK	FIRE TRUCK EXTRA PMT	1,363.46
IPERS	IPERS	2,793.27
LE MARS AMBULANCE	FEES FOR SERVICES	500.00
MENARDS	KISSINGER JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	89.24
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	UTILITY GAS/ELECTRIC	3,809.35
MURPHY COLLINS MCGILL PLC	LEGAL FEES	600.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	BACKHOE REPAIR PARTS	548.05
OC SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE NOV 2024	3,298.16
ON THE CLOCK, LLC	TIME CLOCK SUBSCRIPTION	19.60
PEOPLES BANK	POLICE CHARGER LOAN	1,116.06
PLYMOUTH CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	2,712.27
POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES INC	PD CONTINUING ED 2025	280.00
QUALITY AUTOMOTIVE	PD EXP BRAKES/ROTORS	1,550.37
RADAR SHOP	RADAR RECERTIFICATION	151.00
R-COUNTRY COMPUTERS	COMPUTER REPAIR-LAPTOP	84.00
SAPP BROTHERS-SIOUX CITY	BULK FUEL	631.22
TEAMSTERS UNION #554	UNION DUES DEC 2024	135.00
VERIZON	WIRELESS COMM	172.96
WAGNER AUTO SUPPLY	PLOW TRUCK MAINT	287.27
	TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	63,181.48
	PAYROLL CHECKS	19,960.78
	TOTAL CLAIMS	83,142.26

CLAIMS LIST 12-16-2024 BY FUND

GENERAL	53,909.83	
ROAD USE TAX	5,879.55	
DEBT SERVICE	3,825.87	
WATER	5,201.85	
SEWER	3,435.16	
SEWER SINKING	10,890.00	
	TOTAL CLAIMS	83,142.26

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS BY FUND

GENERAL TOTAL	52,238.72
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	12,351.45
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL	1,404.34
LOCAL OPTION TAX TOTAL	8,236.27
WATER TOTAL	15,965.04
WATER DEPOSITS TOTAL	630.83
SEWER TOTAL	13,140.48

NOVEMBER CLAIMS BY FUND

GENERAL	29,330.44
ROAD USE TAX	8,712.42
DEBT SERVICE	3,825.87
2024 FEMA DISASTER	4,998.00
WATER	5,828.58
SEWER	7,623.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS	103,967.13
TOTAL CLAIMS	60,318.36

Angela Gray, City Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce E. Norgaard, Mayor