City of Merrill
Council Meeting

The Merrill City Council held a regular meeting on October 15, 2026, in the City Council chambers at the Kissinger Center, at 608 Main St. Merrill, Iowa. Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Council members presiding: Conley, Held, Hoyt, and Hemmelman. Rieken was absent. Also present: Pat Gray, Angela Gray, Karina Flores, and city attorney Patrick Murphy.

AGENDA: Hoyt moved to approve, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Held moved to approve the consent items including minutes from 09/17/2026, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Hoyt moved to approve, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST 10/15/2026: Hoyt moved to approve, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The City Clerk discussed the partnership between the Iowa League of Cities and Amazon Prime and its membership benefits for the city. Fire/EMS reported 8 calls; membership is down 2, with 1 new member added. The Library report listed miscellaneous revenues of $28.50 and upcoming projects, including mural painting, Preschool Storytime, and In-service training for Board Members. The MCBC did not meet, though a member noted ongoing work on the library mural project. Police reported activity was limited due to a leave of absence; activity report showed 7 verbals, 5 warnings, 10 citations, and 23 code enforcement actions, generating $814 in fine revenue. Flores reported that all equipment was functioning properly but expressed safety concerns about running highway traffic after dark. The Council discussed the rationale for 12-hour shifts and the potential future use of a reserve officer to cover otherwise unstaffed days. Both matters will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Public Works reviewed plans and costs for an upcoming project that includes replacing lights at the Kissinger facility.

OLD BUSINESS

214 3rd St. Annexation to City Limits: No further action has been taken on this matter; Item rest.

NEW BUSINESS

Conley moved to approve the first reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MERRILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 122, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS,** with Hoyt seconding the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Conley, Hoyt; Nays: Hemmelman, Held. Motion failed with a 2–2 vote. Further discussion was had. Item to be added to next meeting agenda.

Conley moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-21** Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Logan and Hannah Held for 505 Roosevelt St, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Conley, Hoyt, Hemmelman; Abstaining: Held, due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Held moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22** Transfer funds to Ambulance IPAIT reserve account, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Hoyt moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23** Transfer funds to Fire Department IPAIT reserve account, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Held moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24** Transfer funds to LOST IPAIT reserve account, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Hoyt moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25** Employee Wages FY2026-27, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion Carried.

Conley moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26** City Petty Cash Policy, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

FY2026 Annual Financial Report: The Council reviewed the report, no questions had.

BUILDING PERMITS

B2026-11: 135 Calhoun St *(Temp Fence/Dog Kennel)* Hoyt moved to approve with Hemmelman seconding the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Hoyt moved to adjourn, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CLAIMS 10/15/2026

3D AG SERVICES	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES		367.80
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	NORPLEX GREASE		139.80
CARDPOINTE PROPELR	TRANS FEE		15.75
CENTRAL STATES FUNDS	SEP'26 INS BENEFIT		3,666.40
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	CH-PRINTER LEASE		109.17
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MISC DEPT SUPPLIES		886.88
CHEM-SULT INC	H20 CHEMICALS		1,431.84
DEPT OF TREASURY	FED DEPOSIT		2,447.26
ELECTRIC PUMP	LIFT STATION UPGRADES		22,130.00
FIREFLY RESERVATION	MONTHLY FEES		81.60
FLOYD VALLEY HEALTHCARE	PHARMACY SUPPLIES		47.85
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	SEP'26 PD LAPTOP LEASE		237.00
IOWA DNR	CY27 ANN WATER USE FEE		120.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	2026-Q3 STATE W/H		2,165.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	SEP '26 WET TAX		1,093.28
IOWA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY		378.46
IOWA INFORMATION INC	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS		194.89
IOWA WORKFORCE	2026-Q3 U/E		18.60
IPERS	SEP'26 IPERS		2,878.38
KOLT DROEGMILLER	MILEAGE-EMT CLS (172)		130.72
LINCOLN WINWATER WORKS	WATER METERS		1,049.40
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	SCBA YRLY TESTING		545.00
MENARDS	KISSINGER SUPPLIES		270.38
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	SEP'26 ELEC/GAS		4,035.24
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS	INSTR CALIBRATION		160.00
MURPHY COLLINS MCGILL PLC	LEGAL FEES		150.00
OC SANITATION	SEP'26 GBG SVS		4,030.48
ON THE CLOCK LLC	SEP'26 TIMECLOCK FEES		30.29
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS	AMB BILLING SERVICES		102.64
OVERDRIVE INC	ADVANTAGE COLLECTION		500.00
PLYMOUTH CO SOLID WASTE	SEP'26 SOLID WASTE FEES		2,918.41
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	SEP'26 PH/INTERNET		436.94
SOOLAND BOBCAT	BOBCAT REP PARTS		1,082.49
TEAMSTERS UNION #554	OCT'26 UNION DUES		140.00
THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	LIB-WALL PAINT		43.95
THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP	WELL REPAIRS		1,731.38
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS	FD-TANKER RADIO INSTALL		2,634.74
VERIZON	SEP'26 WIRELESS/BB		254.98
WAGNER AUTO SUPPLY	VEHICLE MAINT SUPP		411.34
WESTERN IOWA TECH	M.GANT(CLASS-B ASSESS)		400.00
WEX FLEET	DEPT FUEL		443.33
WIELENGA STEEL TARGETS	STEEL TARGETS		655.00
		TOTAL	60,566.67

CLAIMS BY FUND

001 GENERAL		28,844.22
110 ROAD USE		3,115.86
600 WATER		6,030.59
610 SEWER		22,576.00
	TOTAL	60,566.67
OTHER CLAIMS	PAYROLL *(10/05/26-10/09/26)*	7,020.59