

CITY OF MERRILL, IOWA
JUNE 20TH, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Bruce Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members present: Conley, Hoyt, Dice, Held. Pierson absent. Also, present Attorney Patrick Murphy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Conley to approve the minutes of 5/16, 5/18, 5/31, seconded by Hoyt, all aye, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Conley to approve the treasurers report, seconded by Held, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

AUDIENCE TIME: J. Luense inquired about building permit requirements for solar panel stand.

CITY CLERK: New City of Merrill Facebook page. Updated credit card machine terminal service.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Ambulance: 2 calls. Expected to receive \$22k from the County COVID-19 relief fund. Damages to Ambulance on 4/23 is pending repair, parts ordered and will be completed ASAP. Yearly State Inspection completed and passed.

Fire Department: Possible new member, pending interview. New Brush Truck purchase to replace the brush truck destroyed in fire.

Maintenance: Ballfield: New waters lines installed, safety fence and a batting cage. Upgraded gun range access with pad lock that requires a cell phone app to access. Working on asphalt repairs before FYE. Also working on water meter changeouts.

Library: Summer Reading program has begun. Major book makeover for adult circulation material; out with the old in with the new! Two openings for board members with two possible candidates.

Economic Development: Merrill Daze advertising to start in July. Working on parade route and last minutes additions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Police Chief search: Continue with other interview(s) before decision is made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Perera's Lounge Vendor Food Trucks: Motion by Hoyt to approve vendor food trucks for Merrill Tri-State Cruisers night, Seconded by Held, roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

DOT- Dakin Schultz: Old Hwy 75 update. Construction anticipated Northbound in 2023, and Southbound in 2024.

Mosquito Control Renewal: No renewal for 2022.

Yard of the Month: Motion by Held to make Yard of the Month a continuous program and for the purchase of \$25 gift cards, seconded by Dice, roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Connections Contract Renewal: Motion by Conley to approve renewal for July 1st, 2022–June 30th, 2023, seconded by Held, roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Dept Brush Truck Purchase Payment: Motion by Hoyt to send full payment after fiscal year end, June 30th, 2022, seconded by Dice, roll call vote, Conley, Hoyt, Dice, aye. Held, nay. Motion carried 3 to 1.

Funds Transfer: Motion to approve by Held to transfer for fiscal year end 2021-2022, seconded by Hoyt, roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

OC Sanitation Fuel Charge: Motion by Held to approve assessed fuel surcharge fee going forward and reassess fuel charges every quarter, seconded by Conley, roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Bohlke-Detached garage addition with extending patio. Webb-Chain link fence.

Claims and Accounts Review: Motion by Held to approve claims, seconded by Hoyt, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Conley to adjourn, second by Dice, all aye, meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Angela Gray- City Clerk