

City of Merrill
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
608 Main St, Merrill, Iowa

A regular meeting of the Merrill City Council was held May 19, 2025. Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance proceeded by roll call. Council seats present: Conley, Held, Hoyt, Hemmelman and Rieken. Other attendees: P. Gray, S. Harkness, and R. Eickholt.

APPROVE AGENDA: Held motioned, Conley seconded, roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Conley motioned, Held seconded, roll call: all ayes. Motion carried. (a) Minutes from 04/21/2025 (b) Cugini's 2025-26 Liquor License Renewal (b) Short Term Liquor License Lucky Wife Wine Slushies

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR 04-2025: Hemmelman motioned, Hoyt seconded, roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS LIST DATED 05-19-2025: Conley motioned, Hoyt seconded. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: S. Hemmelman, resident, and employee of the City of Merrill, addressed the council regarding rumors of using city equipment for his personal business. Hemmelman stated he owns his own equipment and request support from the Mayor and City Council to repudiate such rumors.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: CITY CLERK: Wrapping up budget amendments, Utility bills are due June 15th. Election Nominations submitted for Nov Elections (Mayor & two council seats) FIRE/EMS: 11- Calls (7 EMS, 4 Fire) Stair Chair received, looking into Sanford Fall EMT Courses. LIBRARY: Book Circulations: 228 in-house / 221 online, with 188 visitors and \$17.75 in misc. rev. Last early out program wrapped up May 7. Hired M. Brunsting as a temporary, part-time clerk. MCBC: Food Trucks for October confirmed, Merrill Daze June 6-7. MAINTENANCE: Requesting pumper truck support from the fire department to flush lift station, also reservoir flushing to be determined and will be posted on the website. PD: Numbers are down due to personal leave and reserve officer giving notice. Possibility of stepping down. Hiring committee appointed by Mayor Norgaard to include Held, Hemmelman and R. Eickholt.

OLD BUSINESS: (a) Maintenance Building: Footings are up, concrete floor will be poured once building is erected, no ETA on supplies being delivered. (b) Lagoon Repairs: Still waiting on FEMA mitigation. CAT A is fully obligated and CAT B expected to be obligated soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Held to open FY20204-25 Budget Amendment Hearing, Conley seconded. Hearing open to the public, with no public objections or comments. Motion by Held to close the hearing; Conley seconded. Motion by Held, Hoyt seconded, to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-18** Approving FY2025 Budget Amendments. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hoyt, Held seconded, to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-20** Approving FY2025 Transfers. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hemmelman, Hoyt seconded, to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-15** Transfer Funds to City IPAIT Fire Dept Reserve. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hoyt, Hemmelman seconded, to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-19** Transfer Funds to City IPAIT Amb Dept Reserve. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Held, Hemmelman seconded to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-21** Transfer Fire Dept Matured CD's to IPAIT Reserve. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Held, Conley seconded to approve Road Closure on May 25th 3pm-9pm | 4th & Fowler to 5th & Fowler, all ayes, motion carried. No motion for Main Street Road Closure on July 26th, 2025. Motion by Conley, Hoyt seconded, to approver Bike Parade Route Street closures on Webster St, Douglas St, 5th St and Main St. for June 7th, 2025, 9 am, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Conley to adjourn, Hoyt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

CLAIMS LIST 05-19-2025

ACS	WATER TESTING	54.50
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	248.02
BOHLMANN INC	PRKS- FOUNTAIN REP	547.86
BOMGAARS	BALLFIELD SUPPLIES	583.43

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CASEYS	FUEL	288.08
CENTURY BUSINESS	PRINTER LEASE	105.63
CERTIFIED TESTING	GEOTECH REPORT	1,700.00
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MISC CC PURCHASES	944.80
CHEM-SULT INC	WATER CHEMICALS	1,072.00
DANNY PICK	DEPOSIT REFUND	100.00
DEPT OF TREASURY	FEDERAL DEPOSIT	4,925.97
EAKES OFFICE	BANK DEPOSIT BOOKS (150)	447.15
FERNO WASHINGTON	AMB-TRANSCEND CHAIR	9,905.40
FIREFLY RESERVATION	RESERVATION FEES	71.50
FLOYD VALLEY HEALTH	PHARMACY SALES	431.64
HUNTINGTON	PD LAPTOP LEASE	237.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WET TAX 04-2025	1.92
IOWA DNR	25 OPERATO CERTIFICATE RENEW	121.50
IOWA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	1,088.30
IOWA IMG	PUBLICATIONS	458.24
IOWA ONE CALL	UNDERGROUND LOCATES	36.90
IOWA STATE BANK	FIRE TRUCK LOAN	2,709.81
IPERS	IPERS	2,870.63
LANGELS PLUMBING	KISS CONDENSATE LINE REPAIR	1,600.00
LE MARS AGRI-CENTER	WEED KILLER	461.25
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY-GAS/ELECTRIC	3,797.90
MIDWEST WHEEL	FD- ENGINE REPAIRS	292.45
MURPHY COLLINS	LEGAL FEES	150.00
OC SANITATION	GARBAGE FEES APRIL 2025	3,377.74
ON THE CLOCK LLC	RESERVATION FEES	30.20
PARTY FUN RENTALS	MD 2025 BOUNCY HOUSE	479.00
PEOPLES BANK	PD CAR LOAN	1,116.06
PIXIES PONY TALES	MD 2025 PETTING ZOO	1,000.00
PLY CO SOLID WASTE	DUMP FEES APRIL 2025	2,818.34
PREMIER COMM	UTILITY PHONE/INTERNET	423.89
PYE BARKER	YRLY EXTG INSPEC	92.00
RANDY HOYT	DEP RFUND- SH	50.00
RUGGED RADIOS	FD -DUEL RADIO INTER KIT	1,655.33
SPECIALTY TREE SVS	ASHTREE RMV OLD SCH SQ (3)	2,500.00
STACY DEMPSTER	DEP RFUND-KISS GYM	100.00
STARNET TECHNOLOGIES	LIFT STATION-ANN SVS	240.00
STEPHANIE GENGLER	DEP RFUND KISS	100.00
TEAMSTERS UNION #554	UNION DUES	135.00
THOMPSON SOLUTION	BOOST STAT- REPAIRS	2,348.46
VERIZON	WIRELESS COMM	132.98
WAGNER AUTO SUPPLY	PARKS-SPRAYER PARTS	86.07
WESTERN IOWA TECH	FIRE EMS BLS FY23-24	84.00
ZACH SITZMANN	DEP RFUND GYM	100.00
	CLAIMS TOTAL	52,120.95
	PAYROLL TOTAL	12,051.74
 CLAIMS LIST 05-19-2025 BY FUND		
001 GENERAL		40,261.88
110 ROAD USE TAX		1,400.69
200 DEBT SERVICE		3,825.87
301 CAPITAL PROJECT		1,700.00
600 WATER		4,420.75
610 SEWER		511.76
	CLAIMS TOTAL	52,120.95

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MAY 2025 RECEIPTS BY FUND

001 GENERAL	47,759.03
110 ROAD USE TAX	8,072.84
112 EMP BENEFIT	1,175.19
121 LOCAL OPTION	10,017.53
310 FEMA	581.07
600 WATER	6,665.46
610 SEWER	11,340.67
RECEIPTS TOTAL	85,611.79