City of Merrill
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
608 Main St, Merrill, Iowa

A regular meeting of the Merrill City council was held on October 20, 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, Hemmelman, Hoyt and Rieken. Other attendees: Pat Gray, Barb Gross and City Attorney, Patrick Murphy.

AGENDA: Motion by Conley to approve, Hemmelman seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: *(a) Minutes from 09/15/2025.* Motion by Held to approve, Hoyt seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT SEP 2025: Motion by Held to approve, Hoyt seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST 10-20-2025: Motion by Hemmelman to approve with correction to Stryker Sales to reflect adjusted credits, Conley seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Fire/EMS reported 25 calls; majority EMS, working on cleaning up firehouse and securing recruits. Library reported $14.70 in misc. revenue, book circulation: 106 in-house, 271 online and 150 visitors. Exploring options for increasing library traffic. Early-out programs have resumed. MCBC reported fundraiser Egg bake breakfast 12/07/2025, Merrill Christmas tree will be decorated at the Museum this year, department newsletter will be distributed via e-mail and posted at local businesses. Public works, possible meet with IA DOT to discuss road damage from Hwy 75 truck traffic.

OLD BUSINESS: Maintenance Building Updates: Project ready for the electrician, garage doors ordered awaiting insulation and heating install schedules. Lagoon upgrades are pending Barcon availability, awaiting State award for FEMA project, all other awards have been received. Motion by Hemmelman to prohibit storage/shipping containers in Merrill, after further discussion, Hemmelman motioned to rescind the previous motion to prohibit storage/shipping containers in Merrill and furthermore motioned to include allowable guidelines to the building permit application for storage/shipping containers, Hoyt seconded, roll call vote: ayes: Held, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Nays: Conley. Motion carried 4:1.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Held to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-29** Transfer $200k from Sewer Fund to IPAIT Reserve, Conley seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Conley to send Nuisance letters to property owners for the removal of dead/diseased trees, Rieken seconded, roll call vote: ayes: Conley, Hemmelman, Hoyt, Rieken. Held abstained; motion carried. Discussion regarding police protection agreement with City of Hinton; tabled for next meeting. Motion by Held to increase advertising wage for Police Chief to $80k year, Conley seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. FY2025 Annual Financial Report was reviewed as presented. City debt discussion presented by the City Clerk, with further explanation from City Attorney. Motion by Conley to secure Dorsey & Whitney for securing bond loan agreement for Maintenance Shed, Hoyt seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Hemmelman to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-30** Purchase of a Firefighting Apparatus not to exceed $120k to be paid from the fire department budgeted capital equipment and reserve fund, Hoyt seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Discussion regarding alley lying South of and adjacent to Lots 3 & 4 Block 8 Frost's Addition. Tabled for next meeting. Motion by Hoyt to approve proposed building permits: *827 4th St (Storage Container), 507 Calhoun St (Porch addition), 607 2nd St (Building), 920 Northside Ct (Fence)*, Hemmelman seconded, roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried. Motion by Held to adjourn, Rieken seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CLAIMS LIST 10-20-2025

3D AG SERVICES	WATER DEPT SUPPLIES	294.74
ANALYTICAL & CONSULT SVS	LAB TESTING FEES	54.50
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	187.07
BARBARA GROSS	REIMBURSE-SAMS (CANDY)	19.98
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC	MISC SUPPLIES	371.27
CASEYS	FUEL AMB/FD	240.22
CENTRAL STATES	2025-09 GRP INS	1,762.80
CENTURY BUSINESS	PRINTER LEASE	106.47
CERTIFIED AMBULANCE	PAYMENT FOR SVS	82.41

CHASE CARD SVS	MISC CC PURCHASES	966.72
CHEM-SULT INC	WATER CHEMICALS	1,479.75
DEPT OF TREASURY/IRS	2025-10 FED DEPOSIT	5,497.48
DUSTIN PICK	REFUND-GYM DEPOSIT	100.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	547.04
EASTWEST BOOKS	LIBRARY MATERIAL	99.96
ELLEN GANT	REFUND: SH CXL	50.00
FIREFLY RESERVATION	RESERVATION FEES	114.20
FLOYD VALLEY HC	PHARMACEUDICALS	66.66
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	PD LAPTOP LEASE	237.00
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	FY26 Q1 JUL-SEP IA SYS	300.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	2025 Q3 STATE W/H	2,186.86
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	2025-09 WET TAX	889.21
IOWA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	756.92
IOWA DNR	CY26 ANN WTR USE FEE	115.00
IOWA INFORMATION	PULBISHING FEES	159.10
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	2025 BUDGET CLASS	60.00
IOWA ONE CALL	UNDERGROUND LOCATES	37.80
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	2025 IMFOA FALL CLS	144.00
IOWA WORKFORCE	2025 Q3 UNEMPLOYMENT	30.87
IPERS	2025-09 IPERS	2,141.04
KAITLIN LUSCHEN	REFUND-GYM DEPOSIT	100.00
KELLEN EXCAVATING	CRUSHDED ASHPALT (206.46T)	5,161.50
LINK UNDERGROUND SVS	INSTALL E-CONDUIT	450.00
MARCUS LUMBER	LUMBER-SALT SHED	1,062.83
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY-GAS/ELECTRIC	3,755.85
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	FD KLEEN DEF DIESEL FLD	18.44
MURPHY COLLINS MCGILL	LEGAL FEES	150.00
NW IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY26 MEMBERSHIP DUES	25.00
OC SANITATION	2025-09 GARBAGE SVS	3,422.61
ON THE CLOCK LLC	TIMECLOCK SUB	25.90
PEOPLES BANK	CHARGER LOAN	1,116.06
PLY CO SOLID WASTE	2025-09 CTIY DUMP FEES	3,214.64
PLYMOUTH COUNTY	CO SPEED ZONE AGRMT	715.96
PREMIER COMM	UTILITY PHONE/INTERNET	437.10
PREMIER NETWORK SOLUTIONS	FIREWALL INSTALL	2,613.07
QUALITY AUTOMOTIVE	D.TRUCK SVS/ALTERNATOR	2,667.48
R COUNTRY COMPUTER	CH. IMAP SYNC RESOLVE	74.00
R COUNTRY COMPUTER	LIB. BARCODE SCANNER	40.00
REHAB SYSTEM LLC	MANHOLE REPAIR	1,080.00
SAPP BROTHERS	BULK FUEL ULD (161.80)	506.43
STRYKER SALES	AMB-LP35 MONITOR	49,888.37
TEAMSTERS UNION #554	2025-10 UNION DUES	68.00
VERIZON	WIRELESS COMM	153.48
WAGNER AUTO SUPPLY	BATTERY-BOBCAT	118.99
	CLAIMS TOTAL	95,964.78

CLAIMS LIST BY FUND

001 GENERAL		84,200.55
110 ROAD USE TAX		4,947.83
200 DEBT SERVICE		1,116.06
300 CAPITAL PROJECT		450.00
600 WATER		3,324.07
610 SEWER		1,926.27
	CLAIMS TOTAL	95,964.78
	PAYROLL	8,588.94

Angela Gray, City Clerk-Treasurer

Bruce E. Norgaard, Mayor