City of Merrill
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Merrill City was held on January 20, 2026, in the City Council Chambers at the Kissinger Center building, 608 Main St, Merrill, Iowa. Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeded by roll call. Council attendees: Conley, Held, Hoyt, Hemmelman, Rieken. Other attendees: Pat Gray, Barb Gross, Karina Flores.

Conley motioned, Hoyt seconded to approve the **AGENDA,** roll call: all voted aye, motion carried.
Hoyt motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** *(a) Minutes from 12/15/2025*, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.
Hoyt motioned Hemmelman seconded to approve **12/2025 TREASURER'S REPORTS,** roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Hoyt motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve **CLAIMS LIST 01/20/2026,** roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

During the public forum Brad Wetherell, 525 Williams St, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding snow ordinance concerns, and requested an explanation of city snow removal processes. Conely to follow-up.

During the department reports Fire/Ems reported 6 calls, 5 of which were EMS, AFG grant application in process to assist with new electronics purchases in FY2027. Library reported no changes in circulation, and $45.60 misc. revenues. Alos noted a new computer cubicle was added for patron use, new book club started, and continuing to encourage more library use from Hinton. Police Department reported 55 traffic tickets in December, awaiting delivery of new car camera for installation, possible last February.

OLD BUSINESS: Maintenance building is awaiting some final items; clerk will report in minutes when all is complete. Loan documents are finalized. Item rest.

NEW BUSINESS: Held motioned, Conley seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1** CY2026 Mayoral and Council Appointments, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Held motioned, Rieken seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2** CY2026 Fire Protection Service Fees, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Held motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3** Naming Depositories, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was presented regarding amending City Ordinance CH. 17.04 [1], Council Meetings to reflect possible changes from the 3rd Monday to the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm starting FY2027. Item added to next month's agenda for adoption.

Review of OC Sanitation contract renewal draft for 05/01/2026 – 04/30/2030. The clerk highlighted clerical errors. No other concerns or changes requested by the council. Item added to next month's agenda for adoption.

Discussion regarding surplus land with regards to possible purchase, presented by Logan and Hannah Held. Held stepped off the council to attend to the agenda item. After much deliberation, Hoyt motioned to accept proposed offer of $30k for two (2) 15,000 Sq. Ft. Parcels and one (1) 14,375 Sq. Ft Parcel, Conley seconded, roll call: Ayes: Conley, Hemmelman, Hoyt. Nays: Rieken. Motion carried 3:1. **OTHER BUSINESS:** FY2027 Budget discussion and planning. Motion by Held to Adjourn, Hemmelman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CLAIMS LIST 01/20/2026

3D AG SERVICES	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	339.24
ANALYTICAL CONSULT SVS	LAB TESTING FEES	30.00
BARCON INC	LAGOON PROJECT-RIPRAP	42,000.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC	MISC SUPPLIES	1,747.16
CENTRAL STATES FUNDS	GROUP INS	1,762.80
CENTURY BUSINESS	PRINTER LEASE	103.70
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MISC PURCHASES	1,278.45
CHEM-SULT INC	H2O CHEMICALS	865.50
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH	SHOP SUPPLIES	739.09
DEPT OF TREASURY/IRS	FED DEPOSIT	8,966.09
FIREFLY RESERVATION	2025-12 RESERVATION FEES	42.80
HUNTINGTON BANK	PD LAPTOP LEASE	237.00
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	FY26 2ND QTR OCT-DEC 2025	300.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	Q4-2025 STATE W/H	1,738.50
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	2025-12 WET TAX	990.79

IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	2025 SALES/USE TAX	821.89
IOWA DOT	TIRE CHAINS (4)	651.72
IOWA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	756.92
IOWA INFO INC	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	141.70
IOWA WORKFORCE	2025 QTR 4 UNEMPLOY	11.23
JESSE CHRISTENSEN	MCBC CONTEST WINNER	100.00
LARRY GENGLER	MCBC CONTEST WINNER	100.00
LE MARS CHEVY GMC	PD CHARGER TIRES	753.80
MARCUS LUMBER	BUILDING SUPPLIES	774.38
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY-GAS/ELECTRIC	3,651.33
MURPHY COLLINS MCGILL	LEGAL FEES	505.00
OC SANITATION	2025-12 GARBAGE SVS	3,408.72
OFFICE FURNITURE OPTION	LIB OFFICE FURNITURE	350.00
ON THE CLOCK LLC	TIMECLOCK SUB	20.30
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS	AMBULANCE SERVICES	351.42
PEOPLES BANK	CHARGER LOAN	1,116.06
PLY CO SOLID WASTE	CITY DUMP FEES	2,666.38
PLY COUNTY	ROAD SALT	159.06
PLY COUNTY COMM CENTER	PLYCO COMM CTR PMT 2-2	3,226.50
PREMIER COMM	UTILITY PHONE/INTERNET	539.12
R COUNTRY COMPUTER	PD MEETING	30.00
SCOTT'S LUMBER	SHOP SUPPLIES	123.62
SOOLAND BOBCAT	SHOP SUPPLIES	730.98
TEAMSTERS UNION #554	UNION DUES GRAY	136.00
THE RADAR & LIDAR SHOP	2025 RADAR RECERT	174.00
THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	PAINT/PRIMER	181.74
TOYNE	PUMP TESTING	702.50
U.S POSTAL SERVICE	FIRE DEPT PO BOX 36 FEE	60.00
VERIZON	AMB SIM CARD	225.70
WEX FLEET	FUEL	308.90
	CLAIMS TOTAL	83,920.09

CLAIMS LIST BY FUND

001 GENERAL		28,089.53
110 ROAD USE TAX		6,064.50
200 DEBT SERVICE		1,116.06
300 CAPITAL PROJECT		617.23
310 FEMA		42,000.00
600 WATER		2,521.57
610 SEWER		1,025.33
	CLAIMS TOTAL	83,920.09
OTHER CLAIMS	JANUARY PAYROLL	27,247.62

Angela Gray, City Clerk-Treasurer

Bruce E. Norgaard, Mayor