

**City of Merrill**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**  
**608 Main St, Merrill, Iowa**

A regular meeting of the Merrill City Council was held on February 17, 2026, in the City Council chambers at the Kissinger Center building, 608 Main St., Merrill IA. Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeded by roll call. Council attendees: Conley, Held, Hoyt, Hemmelman. Rieken was absent. Other attendees: P. Gray, B. Gross, K. Flores.

Held motioned, Hoyt seconded to approve the **AGENDA**, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Conley motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA (a) Minutes from 01/20/2026**, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Hoyt motioned, Conley seconded to approve the **01/2026 TREASURER'S REPORT**, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Hoyt motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve **02/17/2026 CLAIMS LIST**, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

During the department reports the city clerk presented a charity event flyer from SafePlace, also noted updates to FY2027 Landfill Fees, and introduced membership and scheduling management software to be considered. Fire/EMS had 7 calls, EMS receiving a pediatric pack for child transport through Service Area #3 State Funding. FD purchased a 2001 International Freightliner 1500 gal. Tanker. Library noted an increase in circulation for January, a new book club has been introduced, and FY2027 budget approved by the board. MCBC Flooring project fundraisers are going well, looking for more participants for Pizza, Puzzles & Pours. Easter Egg Hunt, April 4<sup>th</sup>; accepting candy donations, and upcoming Merrill Daze on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Public Works is looking at campground sewer and water line modifications, with temporary closure to lower campground for approximately 1 week. Police Department numbers are down due to inclement weather, will continue to provide notices to abate, having technical issues with various equipment, still awaiting delivery of camera car equipment, and vest to ship in March.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Conley motioned, Hoyt seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5** O.C Sanitation Agreement May 1, 2026-April 30, 2030, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Conley motioned, Held seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8** Establishing the Regular Monthly City Council Meetings, beginning July 2026 meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M, roll vote: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Conley motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9** Proposed Sale of Real Estate with amendment to include conditions that the City of Merrill improve the roadway through paving of either Fifth Street, or Roosevelt Street, up to the driveway of the residence constructed on the property, within three years of the certificate of occupancy, roll call: ayes: Conley, Hoyt, Hemmelman. Abstain: Held. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Hemmelman motioned, Hoyt seconded to set Notice of Public Hearing Date for City Surplus Land Sale, on March 16, 2026, at 7:00 P.M, roll call: ayes: Conley, Hemmelman, Hoyt. Abstain: Held. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hoyt motioned, Held seconded to approve permanent part-time Public Works position with a starting wage of \$18 hr., roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Held motioned to approve hiring public works part-time applicant, with final approval at the next regular scheduled meeting. After further discussion, Held rescinded the motion. Conley motioned to approve permanent part-time applicant Mark Gant for the public works part-time position, Held seconded, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Hemmelman motioned, Conley seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-6** Authorizing the Clerk to Pay Certain Claims prior to council approval, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Held Motioned, Hoyt seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-7** Declaring 1992 International, surplus property, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Hemmelman motioned, Conley seconded to set Notice of Public Hearing Date for Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY2027 on March 26, 2026, at 7:00 P.M., roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** FY2027 budget discussion took place and included budget updates.

Conley motioned to adjourn, Hemmelman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M

**CLAIMS LIST**

IOWA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	378.46
CENTRAL STATES FUNDS	GRP INS	2,203.50
IPERS	IPERS	4,376.74
WEX FLEET	FUEL	158.34
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MISC CC PURCHASES	720.42
DEPT OF TREASURY/IRS	FED DEPOSIT	495.78

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ON THE CLOCK LLC	TIMECLOCK SUB	21.71
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY-GAS/ELECTRIC	3,949.01
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET/BB	435.42
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	2025-01 WET TAX	8.52
CENTURY BUSINESS	PRINTER LEASE	102.38
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	PD LAPTOP LEASE	237.00
ON THE CLOCK LLC	TIMECLOCK SUBS	9.00
PEOPLES BANK	PD CHARGER LOAN	1,116.06
DEPT OF TREASURY/IRS	FED DEPOSIT	2,371.92
IOWA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	378.46
FIREFLY RESERVATION	RESERVATION FEES	57.50
VERIZON	WIRELESS/BROADBAND	222.55
MENARDS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	530.00
COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE	'01 FREIGHTLINER TANKER	60,000.00
3D AG SERVICES	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	155.79
AL FAGAN LAND SURVEYING.	PARCEL SURVEY&PLAT	1,792.00
BACON CREEK DESIGN INC	PROJECT MANAGER I	1,105.00
BIG SKY SPECIALIZED CARRIERS	01 FREIGHTLINER TANKER	3,400.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC	MISC SUPPLIES	329.31
CHEM-SULT INC	WATER CHECMICALS	1,084.65
DELL MARKETING LP	PD DELL PRO SLIM QCS1250	1,539.59
EMERGENCY SVS MARKETING	IAMRESPONDING-YRLY SUB	314.00
HM CRAGG	YRLY SVS MAINT	994.16
IMFOA	MEMBERSHIP-A.GRAY	50.00
IOWA INFORMATION	PUBLICATIONS	248.58
MIDWEST WHEEL	FD VEHICLE REPAIR	12.46
MURPHY COLLINS MCGILL	LEGAL FEES	150.00
OC SANITATION	2026-01 GARBAGE SVS	3,532.07
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS	AMB BILLING SVS	884.32
PLYMOUTH CO SOLID WASTE	DUMP FEES	2,409.45
PYE BARKER	KISSINGER ALARM SVS	316.00
R COUNTRY COMPUTER SVS	PD TECH SUPPORT	50.00
RANDY HOYT	REIMBURSE-OIL DRAIN PAN	187.55
REDS PRINTING CO	PD-BUSINESS CARDS(250)	65.30
SINDY ORELLANA	DEPOSIT REFUND-KISS	100.00
TEAMSTERS UNION #554	UNION DUES	136.00
WIELENGA STEEL TARGETS	SHOOTING TARGETS	502.67
	TOTAL	97,131.67
<b>CLAIMS LIST BY FUND</b>		
001 GENERAL		89,336.16
110 ROAD USE TAX		2,606.61
200 DEBT SERVICE		1,116.06
300 CAPITAL PROJECT		1,105.00
600 WATER		1,795.24
610 SEWER		1,172.60
	TOTAL	97,131.67
<b>OTHER CLAIMS</b>	PAYROLL	13,739.50

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Angela Gray, City Clerk-Treasurer

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Bruce E. Norgaard, Mayor