

City of Merrill
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
608 Main St, Merrill, Iowa

A regular meeting of the Merrill City Council was held on March 16, 2026, in the City Council chambers at the Kissinger Center building, 608 Main St., Merrill, Iowa. Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Council attendees: Conley, Held, Hoyt, Hemmelman, Rieken. Other attendees: P. Gray, B. Gross, K. Flores.

Hoyt motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve the **AGENDA**, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Held motioned, Hoyt seconded to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA (a) Minutes from 02/17/2026 (b) Cugini's Liquor License Renewal**, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

Hoyt motioned, Conley seconded to approve the **02/2026 TREASURER'S REPORTS**, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Conley motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve the **03/16/2026 CLAIMS LIST**, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

During the department reports the clerk noted 33 delinquent utility accounts for this quarter, shutoff notices mailed. Reminder of the Tax levy hearing on 03/26/2026 at 7:00 p.m. Fire/EMS had 20 calls, working on Tanker II transition. Library in-house book circulation numbers went up, while online checkouts went down, received \$63.35 in misc. revenues, summer reading program will include Hinton, expected to receive donation from the Norma Jean Warner Trust. MCBC reported a positive turnout with Pizza Puzzle & Pours. Upcoming events; Easter Egg Hunt 04/04, Egg Bake fundraiser 04/19, Citywide Rummage April 23-25, Merrill Daze 05/05. Public Works department is working on list for street repairs. Police: citations down, Eickholt retired, ballistic vest received, car camera equipment delivered and awaiting date for installation.

PUBLIC HEARING: Conley motioned to open the public hearing on Intent of Municipality to Dispose of interest in Real Estate, Hoyt seconded, roll call: ayes: Conley, Hoyt, Hemmelman, Rieken. Held abstained for reasons of conflict of interest. Motion carried. Attorney Patrick Murphy read the notice of intent of the Municipality to Dispose of interest in Real Estate. No questions or objections noted. Conley motioned to close the public hearing, Hemmelman seconded, roll call: ayes: Conley, Hoyt, Hemmelman, Rieken. Held abstained for reasons of conflict of interest. Motion carried. Motion by Hoyt to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10**, Transfer of said Real Estate from the City of Merrill, Iowa, to Logan Held and Hannah Held, husband and wife, with all procedures of transfer to be in accord with provisions of CH 364 of the 2025 code of Iowa, as amended, Conley seconded, roll call: ayes: Conley, Hoyt, Hemmelman, Rieken. Held abstained for reasons of conflict of interest. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Held motioned to approve EMC Central Insure Premiums for 04/01/2026 – 03/31/2027, Rieken seconded, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Conley motioned to approve App. for Payment No. 5 to Kunkel Construction, Hemmelman seconded, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Hemmelman motioned to approve the purchase of flooring materials from Floor & Décor for the Kissinger Ballroom Flooring Project, Conley seconded, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried. Conley motioned to set a special meeting for March 26, 2026, at 7:15 P.M., Hoyt seconded, roll call: all voted aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Building Permits: Hoyt motioned, Hemmelman seconded to approve **B2026-01, 115 Jackson St (Shed)**. All voted aye. Motion carried. Conley motioned, Hoyt seconded to approve **B2026-02, 135 Calhoun St (Breezeway)** all voted aye. Motion carried. Hoyt motioned, Held seconded to approve **B2026-03, 400 Webster St (Shed)** all voted aye. Motion carried. Held motioned, Conley seconded to approve **B2026-05, 235 5th St (Parking Pad for RV, & Relocation of Shed to include Variance for shed set-back)** all voted aye. Motion carried.

Budget Discussion included a review of FY2027 budget changes and upcoming budget amendments.

Held motioned to adjourn, Hemmelman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CLAIMS LIST 03/16/2026

3D AG SERVICES	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	349.93
AGRIVISON EQUIPMENT GRP	EQUIP MAINT SUPPLIES	172.34
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	271.00
BOOK SYSTEMS INC	ATRIUUM ANN SUB	1,451.00

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CENTRAL STATES FUNDS	GROUP INS	5,729.10
CENTURY BUSINESS	PRINTER LEASE	133.37
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MISC CC PURCHASES	904.79
DEPT OF TREASURY/IRS	FED DEPOSIT	7,766.41
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY PAPER/JANITOR	588.94
FIREFLY RESERVATION	RESERVATION FEES	46.80
FLOYD VALLEY HC	PHARMACEUTICALS	91.98
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	FD EQUIP	548.44
HUNTINGTON BANK	PD LAPTOP LEASE	237.00
IAMU	MAR '26-FEB '27 DUES	778.00
IOWA DPS	FY26 Q3-IA SYSTEM	300.00
IOWA DOR	2026-02 WET TAX	351.45
IOWA DOT	1994 FORD TITLE REPLACE	35.00
IOWA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	1,135.38
IOWA INFO INC	PUBLISHING	150.39
IPERS	IPERS	2,914.60
JACLYNN SCHLESSER	REFUND: GYM DEPSOIT	100.00
KELLEN EXCAVATING	1.5 MINUS (86.65)	1,906.30
KUNKEL CONSTRUCTION	APP. NO. 5 PAYMENT	3,384.00
LE MARS ACE HARDWARE	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	37.57
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELECTRIC	4,229.58
MURPHY, COLLINS, MCGILL	LEGAL FEES	150.00
OC SANITATION	2026-02 SANITATION SVS	3,413.01
OLD REPUBLIC SURETY GRP	BONDS: GRAY/NORGAARD	383.00
ON THE CLOCK LLC	TIMECLOCK SUB	34.90
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS	AMB BILLING SVS	388.95
PEOPLES BANK	PD CHARGER LOAN	1,116.06
PLYCO SOLID WASTE	2026-02 LANDFILL FEES	2,499.23
PREMIER COMM	PHONE/INTERNET	424.12
PYE BARKER	YRLY FIRE INSPECT	292.25
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	PD EARPIECE	99.95
TEAMSTERS UNION	03/2026 UNION DUES	136.00
U.S POSTAL SERVICE	PO BOX RENEW 175/114	174.00
VERIZON	WIRELESS/BROADBAND	275.33
WAGNER AUTO SUPPLY	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	907.33
WEX FLEET	FUEL	<u>279.82</u>
	TOTAL	<u>44,187.32</u>
 OTHER CLAIMS APPROVED		
FLOOR AND DÉCOR	FLOORING MATERIAL	16,834.86
 CLAIMS BY FUND		
001 GENERAL		50,121.42
110 ROAD USE TAX		3,366.23
200 DEBT SERVICE		1,116.06
300 CAPITAL PROJECT		3,384.00
301 FEMA		1,906.30
600 WATER		955.73
610 SEWER		<u>172.44</u>
	TOTAL	<u>61,022.18</u>
PAYROLL		14,451.00