

**City of Merrill
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**

The Merrill City Council held a regular meeting on June 15, 2026, in the City Council chambers at the Kissinger Center, 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 members present were Conley, Hoyt, and Hemmelman; Rieken and Held were absent. Also present were Barb Gross, Karina Flores, and City Attorney Patrick Murphy.

AGENDA: Hoyt moved to approve, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Hoyt moved to approve the consent items, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried (a) *Minutes 05/18/2026* (b) *Caseys Cigarette/Tobacco Permit renewal*.

TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2026: Conley moved to approve, with Hoyt seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST 06/15/2026: Hemmelman moved to approve, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Merrill resident Lisa Dittbenner introduced her new business, Just Thrift & Boutique It, located at 117 Main St., and announced its grand opening on August 1. She also asked about alley plowing and the possibility of future block parties.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS reported a good month, with one member enrolled in the Hybrid EMT course beginning August 25. The department continues to experience equipment issues but is working through them. The Library reported a strong turnout for the summer reading kickoff with the Zoo Mobile, with 46 attendees in Hinton and 67 in Merrill. MCBC reported that Merrill Daze was a great success. A work night is scheduled for June 30 to paint the Kissinger ballroom, and no meeting will be held in July. The Police Department reported that equipment installations are complete and operating properly.

OLD BUSINESS

No further discussion was had about the City Utility Expansion Project for City AG Land. Item rest. Jessica Felix with the Iowa DOT presented the IA DOT RCE and CRISI Program Grant Application. Conley moved to approve the application, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15 Library Board Appointments: Conley moved to approve, with Hoyt seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16 Employee Wages FY2026-27: Hemmelman moved to approve, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Norgaard opened the sealed bids for the 1992 International 4900. Hemmelman moved to reject presented bids, with Hoyt seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Council discussed multi-family dwelling units in residential districts and possible steps to create an additional residential zoning district in the City Ordinance. Conley moved to form an ad hoc committee with Jacob Conley and Randy Hoyt as members, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Conley moved to adjourn, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

CLAIMS

3D AG SERVICES	LIGHT PANEL	1,855.00
ALTERATIONS BY RHOBIA	PD SHIRT PATCHES	20.00
BARKLEY ASPHALT INC	STREET REPAIRS	45,045.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	MISC SUPPLIES	927.67

CENTRAL STATES FUNDS	GRP INS	4,407.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	PRINTER LEASE	111.76
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MISC CC PURHCASE	2,060.79
CHEM-SULT INC	H2O CHEMICALS	986.09
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	AG SURPLUS-SVS LINE	5,479.00
DEPT OF TREASURY	FED DEPOSIT	4,852.92
FIREFLY RESERVATION	RESERVATION PORTAL FEES	35.90
FLOYD VALLEY	PHARMACEUDICALS	36.68
HUNTINGTON NAT BANK	PD LAPTOP LEASE	237.00
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	FY26 Q4 APR-JUN	300.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	MAY 2026 WET TAX	327.20
IOWA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	756.92
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SRF LOAN PAYMENT	75,250.00
IOWA INFORMATION	PUBLICATIONS	623.07
IOWA ONE CALL	UNDERGROUND LOCATES	37.70
IOWA STATE BANK	PW FACILITY LN PMT	44,212.98
JESSICA DELUTRI	REFUND: GYM DEP	100.00
KELLEN EXCAVATING	ASPHALT (45.50)	2,848.77
KESLY KANTO	REFUND: UB DEP	125.00
LE MARS AGRI-CENTER	WEED KILLER	879.90
LE MARS CHEVY GMC	PD CHG SVS	152.68
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY	4,123.08
MIDWEST MOBILE GLASS	PD CHG WINDSHIELD RPR	64.95
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	PD CAMERA EQUIP	14,330.00
MURPHY COLLINS MCGILL	LEGAL FEES	150.00
OC SANITATION	GARBAGE SVS	4,642.73
ON THE CLOCK LLC	TIMECLOCK SUB	25.90
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS	AMB BILLING SVS	220.74
PLY CO SOLID WASTE	WASTE MGMT	4,534.89
PREMIER COMM	PHONE/INTERNET	436.92
PROPELR CARDPOINTE	MERCH FEES	3.50
R COUNTRY COMPUTERS	PD TECH SUPPORT	218.00
SAPP BROTHERS	BULK FUEL	1,469.97
TEAMSTERS UNION #554	UNION DUES	136.00
VERIZON	WIRELESS/BB	216.50
WEX FLEET	FUEL	<u>521.71</u>
	TOTAL	222,763.92
CLAIMS BY FUND		
001 GENERAL		44,318.40
110 ROAD USE		48,051.75
200 DEBT SVS		44,212.98
310 FEMA		2,848.77
600 WATER		2,999.43
610 SEWER		5,082.59
612 SEWER SINKING		<u>75,250.00</u>
	TOTAL	222,763.92
OTHER CLAIMS	PAYROLL	13,135.39