City of Merrill
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The Merrill City Council held a regular meeting on July 16, 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, Held, Hemmelman; Rieken was absent. Also present: Barb Gross, Pat Gray, and City Attorney Patrick Murphy.
AGENDA: Hoyt moved to approve, with Held seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried
CONSENT AGENDA: Conley moved to approve the consent items, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, Hoyt, Hemmelman, and Conley voted aye; Held abstained; not present at meeting. Motion carried. *(a) Minutes From 06/15/2026*
TREASURERS REPORTS JUNE 2026: Hoyt moved to approve, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.
CLAIMS 07/16/2026: Hoyt moved to approve the claims, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.
PUBLIC FORUM
During the public forum, Joel Conley, 915 Northside Ct., asked for an update on Northside Ct. road repairs. Mayor Norgaard asked Public Works Superintendent Pat Gray to confirm that work was expected to begin as early as the week of July 20. Pat confirmed the timeline and noted that affected homeowners had been notified the previous day.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
The City Clerk reported that the audit is underway and requested documents are being submitted to the State Auditor for review. The EMC audit has been submitted, and the SFR and AFR will be completed after the State audit is finalized.
Fire/EMS reported 11 calls, all of which were attended. New batteries were installed in T1 and T2 and are working properly, and there is a potential buyer for the old tanker.
The Library provided its annual report and discussed future grants for digital library upgrades. Staff are also developing ideas to improve summer reading attendance in Hinton.
The MCB Committee reported completing two workdays to prepare and paint the Community Room.
Public Works reported positive revenue results for the parks department and noted that the water department has a positive balance for the first time in years.
OLD BUSINESS
Multi-Family dwelling units in residential districts discussion. Item Tabled for next meeting.
NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17 Payment Policy: Held moved to approve, with Hoyt seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18 Public Posting Locations for Notices and Agendas: Hemmelman moved to approve, with Conley seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19 Investment Policy: Conley moved to approve, with Hoyt seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026: Conley moved to approve, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.
Street Closures August 12, 2026: Hoyt moved to approve street closures for the Tri-State Cruisers Event on Main St. from Hwy. 75 to the railroad tracks, and 2nd St. from Calhoun to Douglas, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.
Union Employees Meeting Compensation: Held moved to approve meeting compensation at the employees' regular rate of pay, with Hemmelman seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.
BUILDING PERMITS: B2026-09_221 5th St *(Garage):* Conley moved to approve, with Hoyt seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.
Held moved to adjourn, with Conley seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

CLAIMS 07/16/2026

3D AG SERVICES	PLUMBING SUPPLIES WELL	219.68
ABANTE MARKETING	MCBC T-SHIRTS	173.20
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	WATER TESTING	844.50
BARBARA GROSS	REIMBURSE LIB EXP	60.37
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC	MISC SUPPLIES	686.80
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	AMB MEDICAL SUPPLIES	521.99
CARDPOINTE PROPELR	CARDPOINTE FEES	23.80
CENTRAL STATES FUNDS	GRP INS	3,525.60
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	CH PRINTER LEASE	102.65
CHEM-SULT INC	WATER CHEMICALS	1,445.40
CORE & MAIN LP	MANHOLE RISER RINGS	1,390.00
CUGINIS ITALIAN RESTAURANT	FY2027 YRD OF MNTH GC (3)	75.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	MANHOLE RISERS	128.67
DEPT OF TREASURY	FED DEPOSIT	5,170.76
DINGES FIRE COMPANY	FD APPAREL	7,650.00
ESOFT PLANNER INC	ESOFT PLANNER YRLY FEE	648.00
FIREFLY RESERVATION	FIREFLY MONTHLY FEES	46.90
HILLSIDE CEMETERY ASSOC	FY2026-27 ANN PMT	4,000.00
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	PD LAPTOP LEASE	237.00
IA DNR	FY2027 ANN WATER SUPPLY FEE	77.18
IA INFORMATION INC	PUBLICATION FEES	151.64
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY2027 MEMBER DUES	859.00
IA ONE CALL	UNDERGROUND LOCATES	48.50
IA WORKFORCE	Q2-2026 UNEMPLOYMENT	23.39
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	Q2-2026 STATE W/H	2,016.28
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	WET TAX JUNE 2026	827.52
IA DHS	VENDOR LIABILITY	756.92
IPERS	IPERS	2,990.86
JEFF SINGER	REFUND: BR DEPOSIT	100.00
LE MARS AGRI-CENTER INC	SPARY CHEMICALS	703.39
LE MARS CHEVY GMC	CHAGER LR TIRE REPL	353.09
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SVS	FY2026-27 SUBSCRIPTIONS	339.99
MES SERVICE COMPANY	ANN SVS	1,241.82
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELECTRIC	4,159.82
MURPHY COLLINS MCGILL	LEGAL FEES	150.00
NICOLE CAKEBREAD	REFUND: GYM DEPOSIT	100.00
OC SANITATION	JUNE 2026 GARBAGE SVS	3,781.48
ON THE CLOCK LLC	TIMECLOCK SUBSCRIPTION	30.19
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS	AMB BILLING SVS	18.01
OVERDRIVE INC	FY2027 E-BOOK PLATFORM	507.93
PERFORMANCE AUTO SERVICE	PD LR TIRE REPAIR	37.07
PLYMOUTH CO COMM CENTER	FY2027 ASSESSMENT	6,453.00
PLYMOUTH CO SOLID WASTE	JUNE 2026 LANDFILL	2,938.13
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	438.78
SARA JANE HAUFF	REFUND: BR DEPOSIT	100.00
SHERLOCK PLUMBING	KISS COM CNTR REP KITS	325.00
SOOLAND BOBCAT	BOBCAT	1,352.48
TEAMSTERS UNION #554	UNION DUES	136.00
THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP	WELL REPAIRS	260.00
TREE HEALTH SERVICES	ASH TREE INSECTICIDE	1,784.00
VERIZON	WIRELESS/BROADBAND	216.62
WAGNER AUTO SUPPLY	FD-GRP31 BATTERIES (2)	899.60
WEX FLEET	FUEL	350.03
	TOTAL	61,478.04

CLAIMS BY FUND

001 GENERAL			52,143.01
110 ROAD USE			4,402.02
600 WATER			3,842.54
610 SEWER			1,090.47
		TOTAL	61,478.04
OTHER CLAIMS	PAYROLL		13,865.17

Angela Gray, City Clerk-Treasurer

Bruce E. Norgaard, Mayor