**CITY OF MERRILL, IOWA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. MAY 15, 2023**

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Norgaard. Council members present: Conley, Hoyt, Pierson, Dice, and Held. Also, present Attorney P. Murphy.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Conley to approve agenda, seconded by Dice, all aye, motion carried. APPROVAL CONSENT OF AGENDA: a. Minutes from 4/17/2023 b. Caseys Cigarette/tobacco permit 23-24. Motion by Held to approve consent of agenda, seconded by Conley, all aye, motions carried. FINANCIAL REPORTS: a. Treasures Report. b. April Claims. c. May Claims. Motion by Pierson to approve the City financial reports, seconded by Held, all aye, motions carried. PUBLIC FORUM: C. Peters/C. Rieken proposed a wrestling club and inquired about land for sale and building placement requirements. Item to be added to the June agenda for consideration. CLERK: Online Bill Pay is available at www.merrilliowa.org for those who wish to utilize. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: *MCB Committee:* Wrapping up the Merrill Daze events. Food Truck Wednesday is going well. Merrill foundation grant approved for $460 to be used for playground repairs and ball field repairs. Looking into the Plymouth CO. Foundation grant. *Fire & EMS:* 5 Calls : 2 Brush Fires, 1 Structure fire, 1 accident and 1 sick/unknown call. EMS fundraiser June 11 from 11am-1230pm, Fire Rescue Fundraiser June 10th starts at 12pm. *Library:* No Report. *Maintenance:* Looking into Bluetooth Padlocks for the shelter house restrooms Received a $5000 grant for playground equipment asking the city to match donation. Item will be added to the June agenda for consideration. EMC insurance walkthrough went well with two minor recommendations for playground repairs. *Police Dept:* 33 Citations and 4 arrests (April-May) $628.75 fine money received. NEW BUSINESS: a. Library Director: Motion by Conley to approve Sydney Harkness as the new Library Director, seconded by Held, all aye, motion carried. b. Budget Amendment Hearing Date: Motion by Conley to set the budget amendment hearing date for June 19th, 2023, at 7:00pm to be held at City Hall, seconded by Hoyt, all aye, motion carried. c. Connection Agreement Renewal 2023-24: Motion by Held to approve the Connections Renewal for 2023-24, seconded by Pierson, all aye motion carried. d. Resolution 2023-11 Transfer of funds for street repairs: Motion by Pierson to approve Resolution 2023-11 transfer of funds and move 35K from Local Option to Road Use for street repairs, seconded by Conley, all aye, motion carried. OTHER BUSINESS: a: Building permits: Motion Hoyt to approve building permits for 834 4th St (Fence), 327 Calhoun St (Fence), and 201 Williams St (Garage Placement), seconded by Dice, all aye, motions carried. b: Closed Session-Employee Reviews: Motion by Conley to move into closed session, seconded by Dice, RC vote: Ayes: Held, Pierson, Dice, Conley, Hoyt. Nays: none. Motion by Pierson to open the meeting, seconded by Hoyt, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Conley to Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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Angela Gray, City Clerk Bruce Norgaard, Mayor