

**CITY OF MERRILL, IOWA
OCTOBER 23, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Norgaard. Council members present: Conley, Hoyt, Held, and Dice. Pierson was absent.
2. APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Conley to approve the agenda, seconded by Dice, all aye, motion carried.
3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION REGARDING SURPLUS LAND AND SALE TO MIKE PIPPETT: (a) Motion by Held to declare entirety of AG Land property residential. No seconded. (b) Motion by Hoyt to accept proposed bid of \$35,000 for two acres of land on the S.E corner section lot with access road to be constructed by Mike Pippett and the City of Merrill to provide materials for road construction and oversee project, seconded by Dice. Roll call vote: Aye: Dice, Hoyt. Nay: Held, Conley. (c) Motion fails with a tie. Motion by Conley to declare AG land surplus property, seconded by Hoyt. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hoyt, Conley, Dice, Held. Nays: None. Motion carried.
4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION REGARDING RESERVE OFFICER CONTRACT TERMS: Motion by Hoyt to pay probationary officer J. Christensen \$15 dollars an hour while in training and to revisit post certification, to include a maximum of 25 hours a week paid training with a clothing allowance of \$150 and to revisit post certification with benefits to include IPERS. Seconded by Conely, roll call vote: Ayes Hoyt, Conley, Dice, Held. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Conely to adjourn, seconded by Held, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Angela Gray, City Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce E. Norgaard, Mayor