

**CITY OF MERRILL
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
(ORS 192.640(3))
Wednesday, August 17, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson called the Wednesday, August 17, 2022, Special Business Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken with the following members of Council and others being present: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Councilor Gatliff, Councilor Baley, Councilor McCollam, Mayor Carlson (telephone), and City Recorder Hernandez.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Flag Salute immediately followed with Mayor Pro Tem requesting Councilor Baley to take the lead.

MAYOR STATEMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked that everyone please turn cell phones on silence. All meetings are recorded. When addressing the City Council, please speak clearly and state your name.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated the public is invited to provide their comments and opinions to the City Council at this time on issues of concern. Non-emergency issues brought up in this form will not be considered tonight other than in this preliminary discussion, but if found warranted, may be considered at a future meeting of the city council. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person.

No public comment followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discuss Additional Verbiage to the Engineering Work Order: Public Works Director Matthews expressed frustration with additional verbiage requested to be added to the Engineering Work Order after the August 10, 2022 City Council Meeting (“Deliver a report to the City Council and City Recorder containing the information called for in Sections 152.01 (4), (5), and (6) of the City Charter”). During the City Council meeting, the City Engineer was on call for questions and comments. Public Works Director Matthews stated City Engineer Darryl Anderson amended the Engineering Work Order, though the change rewards bad behavior as the Work Order had been approved at the August 10, 2022 City Council Meeting. Mayor Carlson stated following the direction of the City Council and explained the reasoning for the additional verbiage as the project benefits private citizens with public funds. Public Works Director Matthews addressed water line size from Mayor Carlson’s email: “do we want to compare the costs of tying a standard 8” water line to the City system with the proposed undersized 6” line which I understand is fed from a 4” line?” Public Works Director stated the project will connect a 6” line to a 6” line. Public Works Director Matthews further addressed the comment from the email: “Building a standard water line from our City system would support better fire flow and encourage future growth south of town if the City chooses to grow in that direction. It would also avoid requiring the City Council to sign off on an under-sized pipe diameter waiver.” Public Works Director Matthews stated a 6” line is already south of town, including under the railroad tracks. The entire water infrastructure is a 6” line except for the newly installed 8” line. The City Council amended the water line minimum size at the June 14, 2022 City Council Meeting by passing Resolution 2022-893 Amend Minimum Water Main Size for the City of Merrill at the direction of the City Engineer and approval of City Council, which has been approved and would negate a waiver. Public Works Director Matthews also stated that a second engineer is not warranted. Debate about verbiage

in regard to signing the Work Order at the August 10, 2022 City Council Meeting ensued in regard to the additional verbiage undermining Water Commissioner Gatliff (*August 10, 2022 City Council Meeting: Councilor Gatliff has no comments or changes to the work order. Mayor Carlson stated "having it done this week."*). Mayor Carlson repeatedly deferred to the Public Works Department and City Council. Councilor McCollam made a motion to approve the amended Engineering Work Order. Councilor Gatliff 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3-0 in favor. City Council authorized Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to sign the amended Engineering Work Order.

- Land Use Compatibility Statement: Merrill Rural Fire Protection District Signage: Councilor McCollam made a motion to approve Land Use Compatibility Statement: Merrill Rural Fire Protection District Signage. Councilor Baley 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3-0 in favor.

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ORDINANCE:

- 2052 Declaring a Ban on Psilocybin Service Centers and the Manufacture of Psilocybin Products-First Reading: City Recorder Hernandez read 2052 Declaring a Ban on Psilocybin Service Centers and the Manufacture of Psilocybin Products into the record for the first reading. City Council approved the first reading without amendments. City Council scheduled September 7, 2022 at 5:30 Special Business Meeting for the second reading to meet the September 12, 2022 submission deadline.

OTHER – ADDRESS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Police Department Expenditure Report
- Discuss Development for Time Off Benefit Program

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Councilor McCollam thanked the City Staff for professionalism and quality of work. Discussion of benefits and wages followed.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Councilor Baley made a motion to adjourn the August 17, 2022 Meeting. Councilor Gatliff 2nd the motion. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

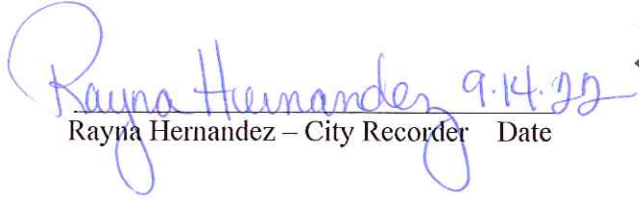
Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Carlson - Mayor

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Date



Rayna Hernandez – City Recorder

9.14.22

Date

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