

**MERRIAM CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL
9001 WEST 62ND STREET
June 10, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ken Sissom called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Scott Diebold
Chris Evans Hands
Nancy Hupp
Brian Knaff
David Neal
Bob Pape
Jason Silvers
Al Frisby was absent.

Staff present: Chris Engel, City Administrator; Meredith Hauck, Assistant City Administrator; Nicole Proulx Aiken, City Attorney; Todd Allen, Acting Police Chief; Anna Slocum, Parks and Recreation Director; Cindy Ehart, Finance Director; Mike Casey, Deputy Fire Chief; Bryan Dyer, Community Development Director; and Juli Pinnick, City Clerk.

III. PUBLIC ITEMS

Members of the public are encouraged to use this time to make comments about matters that do not appear on the agenda. Comments about items on the regular agenda will be taken as each item is considered. ***Please note: individuals making Public Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.***

Judy Snyder, 9013 W. 48th Ter., requested the city sign a resolution in support of Medicare for All. Ms. Snyder shared a story about a healthcare issue her family has recently experienced and issues with their health insurance and Medicare.

Dr. David Terry, 3601 Bellview Ave., commented that he belongs to a physicians group pushing for a single payer system for our country. The current system is broken and flawed and a single payer healthcare system could solve these problems. He requested the City sign a resolution supporting a single payer system.

Mayor Sissom commented that Councilmember Frisby, who is absent tonight, had discussed bringing forth a resolution to this effect for council consideration.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the heading are considered to be routine by the City Council and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held May 13, 2019.

COUNCILMEMBER HANDS MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 1. COUNCILMEMBER HUPP SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Swearing in of Ward 1 Councilmember Jason Silvers (ceremonial)

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Jason Silvers.

2. Appointment of Comprehensive Plan Update Advisory Committee.

Mayor Sissom announced his appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Update Advisory Committee.

There was some discussion regarding the length of time folks would serve on the committee, which is estimated to be about 18 months. There was some discussion regarding the members representing businesses and if they were Merriam residents. It appears that of the seventeen members, only four are not residents of Merriam.

VI. COUNCIL ITEMS

A. Finance and Administration

1. Consider approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 5, Alcoholic Liquor of the Merriam Code of Ordinances. (first reading)

City Attorney Nicole Proulx Aiken presented the background for this item.

The Kansas Legislature recently passed SB 70, concerning alcoholic beverages. The new law, which took effect May 2, 2019, made the following changes:

Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Streets, Alleys, Roads, Sidewalks, or Highways

Public venues, hotels, hotel caterers, drinking establishment caterers, or drinking establishment licensees may now extend their licensed premises to a public street, alley, road, sidewalk, or highway for an event if the event is approved by ordinance by the city council.

Temporary Permit Holders

Temporary permit holders may offer samples in accordance with new state law; must mark the boundary of any premises covered by their permit with a line of demarcation; may only sell alcoholic liquor that is dispensed from original containers; and must follow new hiring regulations.

The new law also allows individuals to carry an original container of alcoholic liquor onto an event premises if the temporary permit holder allows it, the temporary permit holder does not store the container, and the individual carrying the container removes it when they leave the premises.

This ordinance amends sections of the Merriam Code concerning alcoholic beverages to align with the new state laws. The city administrator, parks and recreation director, acting police chief, and city prosecutor reviewed this ordinance.

2. Consider approval to authorize the creation and hiring of three positions for the new community center.

Parks and Recreation director Anna Slocum provided the background for this item.

In preparation for the new community there will be the need to increase staffing to meet the business plan outlined in the 2017 parks and recreation master plan financial proforma. The three full-time requested positions include: Fitness Coordinator, Recreation Coordinator and Aquatics Supervisor. Although the building is not slated to open until summer 2020, these three positions will be an

integral part of developing new programming and new operational procedures prior to opening.

The Aquatics Supervisor will be an exempt position exercising supervision over all aquatics staff. The Fitness and Recreation Coordinators will be hourly positions. They will provide day-to-day supervision for a few part-time staff.

The salary range for the Aquatics Supervisor position will be \$49,431 – \$74,146 plus benefits. The salary range for the Fitness and Recreation Coordinators will be \$36,079 - \$54,118 plus benefits. Funding for these positions was included in the 2019 salaries and benefits budget, but the positions were not approved as part of the 2019 budget process. The goal is to fill the positions by late summer/early fall.

COUNCILMEMBER HUPP MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE CREATION AND AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF THREE NEW POSITIONS FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER. COUNCILMEMBER HANDS SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. Community Center Update.

Assistant City Administrator Meredith Hauck presented the monthly Community Center Update.

4. Monthly Finance Report.

Finance Director Cindy Ehart presented the Finance Report for the month of May.

B. Community Development/Public Works/CIP

1. CIP Update. (included in packet)

VII. STAFF ITEMS

City Administrator Chris Engel commented that the 5701 Merriam Dr. Committee will be meeting this Wednesday at the Community Center to review the three preliminary designs provided by the consultant based on the feedback collected at the public meeting, and from the committee. It is anticipated that the three would be narrowed down to one concept. That concept will be presented at the public meeting on June 26th. The committee will gather feedback from that meeting and review that feedback. After that,

the committee will make any additional tweaks and then present that recommendation to the city council.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – there was no new business.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION - there was no executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER HANDS MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:38 PM. COUNCILMEMBER HUPP SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

APPROVED: June 24, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Juliana Pinnick

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City Clerk