

**MERRIAM CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL
9001 WEST 62ND STREET
October 25, 2021
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
Bruce Kaldahl
Brian Knaff
David Neal
Bob Pape
Jason Silvers
Whitney Yadrich

Staff present:, Ryan Denk, City Attorney; Chris Engel, City Administrator; Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Assistant City Administrator; Jim MacDonald, Public Works Director; Jenna Gant, Communication and Public Engagement Manager; Bryan Dyer, Community Development Director; Anna Slocum, Parks & Recreation Director; Darren McLaughlin, Police Chief 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.*** In accordance with the *Governing Body Rules of Procedure*, the City reserves the right to refuse Public Comments that are personal, impertinent or slanderous.

Nancy Hupp, 13700 W. 90th Pl., representing the Merriam Community Center Foundation, commented that as this is the final meeting for Mayor Sissom a number of folks have made a donations to the Merriam Parks, Recreation and

Community Center Foundation. Those donations will result in a leaf being placed on the Irene B. French Giving Tree in Mayor Sissoms honor.

In addition, the Foundation will be placing a leaf on the Giving Tree in honor of Scott Diebold for his generous donation of time creating the Tim Murphy memorial plaques from the wood floor salvaged from the Irene B. French Community Center. The plaques were distributed to anyone who made a \$10 donation to the Foundation.

A resident from Sunflower Apartments commented that recently two candidates for Merriam City Council distributed door hangers at Sunflower Apartments. He commented that many residents did not like this.

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 so requests, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separate.

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held October 11, 2021.

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

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Confirm the reappointment of Leah Ann McCormick and Cole Stephens to the Planning Commission for the terms expiring December 31, 2024.

COUNCILMEMBER PAPE MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL CONFIRM THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LEAH ANN MCCORMICK, AND COLE STEPHENS, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024. COUNCILMEMBER YADRICH SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. Confirm the reappointment of Cole Stephens and Joseph Kronawitter to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the terms expiring December 31, 2024.

COUNCILMEMBER HANDS MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL CONFIRM THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COLE STEPHENS AND JOSEPH KRONAWITTER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE TERMS EXPIRING

DECEMBER 31, 2024. COUNCILMEMBER YADRICH SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. Confirm the reappointment of Ruben Cozmyer to the Board of Structure Appeals for the term expiring December 31, 2024.

COUNCILMEMBER NEAL MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL CONFIRM THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RUBEN COZMYER TO THE BOARD OF STRUCTURE APPEALS FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024. COUNCILMEMBER YADRICH SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Confirm the reappointment of Tony Scott, Kathy Stull and Staci Chivetta to the Parks and Recreation Board for the terms expiring December 31, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER HANDS MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL CONFIRM THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TONY SCOTT, KATHY STULL AND STACI CHIVETTA TO TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023. COUNCILMEMBER YADRICH SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

VI. COUNCIL ITEMS

1. Consider approval of an ordinance regulation food trucks.

COUNCILMEMBER YADRICH MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE AND ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE MERRIAM CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING FOOD VENDORS. COUNCILMEMBER HANDS SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. Consider approval of a resolution canceling the December 26, 2022, City Council Meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER PAPE MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE DECEMBER 26, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER HANDS SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. Public Art Review.

Assistant City Administrator Jennifer Jones-Lacy provided an overview of the Public Art program. The final art project will be exterior upgrades to the exterior of City Hall. The upgrades are budgeted for 2022.

4. Monthly Finance Report.

Finance Director Donna Oliver presented the September Finance Report.

5. Community Development Update.

Community Development Director Bryan Dyer provided the following Community Development Updates:

A building permit has been issued for the Ross Dress for Less store in Merriam Town Center. The store will fill the south half of the tenant space where Hen House was. They will be doing renovations to the space for the store. It is anticipated to be completed in early summer next year.

The 2021 grant cycle is wrapping up and staff has been gearing up for the 2022 grant cycle. Applications are being updated and put up on the website. The new driveway grant program received a good response and staff is working on an RFP for driveway contractors.

The Merriam Drive Planning Sustainable Places grants are going well with the first draft of the interlocal grant deliverables completed. The Downtown grant consultant is working on the public input gathered and putting that information together for the advisory committee.

VII. STAFF ITEMS

Council President Bob Pape presented Mayor Sissom with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 12 years serving as Mayor. President Pape thanked the Mayor for his valuable contribution and leadership to the City of Merriam.

1. Upcoming City Council Schedule.

City Administrator Chris Engel reviewed the upcoming City Council meeting schedule that included the timeline for electing a new Council President in the interim once Councilmember Pape begins to serve as Mayor. The timeline and process to fill the Ward 4 vacancy was outlined.

The Bike Committee will meet this Wednesday and will finalize when the plan will be rolled out to the subcommittee and then will be shared with the Council.

The plan will be included as part of the CIP plan and those recommendations will be included with CIP projects, when feasible.

Mayor Sissom made some final comments as this was his final City Council meeting as Mayor.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER PAPE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:45 PM. COUNCILMEMBER HANDS SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Approved: November 8, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Juliana Pinnick

City Clerk