



CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES • THURSDAY AUGUST 5, 2021

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Van Lieshout called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Caylor	Food Vendor Rep.	Present	
Mike Rick	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Steve Sabatke	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
John M. Van Lieshout	Aldersperson - Fifth District	Present	
Derek Woellner	Mayor	Excused	
Bryan Bloch	Rodeo Assn. Rep.	Present	
Brad Becker	Fair Assn. Rep.	Present	

Also in attendance: City Attorney Tom Hayden, Festival Grounds Manager Richard Bjorklund, Brad Becker's son and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Agenda Items for Consideration:

1. Rodeo Update

The 2022 rodeo will be June 10th to June 12th, 2022.

The Rodeo Association is finalizing the financial reports for the 2021 rodeo.

2. Fair Update

Fair Association Rep. Becker reported on preparations for the fair. Tractor pull preparations are nearing completion. 15 vendors have signed up to be in the Sell Building during the fair. Some vendors opted not to sign up because they were unwilling to pay for insurance.

Fair Association Rep. Becker noted that both he and the Fair Board are frustrated that they were not informed about certain acts being booked for the fair.

3. Calendar of Events

The calendar was in the meeting packet. City Attorney Hayden verbally reviewed the calendar.

III. Monthly Reports:

1. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund

The report was in the meeting packet.

Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund has been working on fair-related issues with Paul Russell. Preparations for the fair seem to be going well. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund has also been working with "Tiny" Hotzfeld and his group. This group may be able to provide assistance at the grounds.

2. Permanent Vendor Rep. Caylor (Permanent Vendor group scheduled to meet August 4th)

Permanent Vendor Rep. Caylor reported that the Permanent Vendor group met on August 4th. That meeting seemed to go well. Soda prices for the fair were adjusted, based on a recent price increase. Everyone is ordering optimistically for the fair.

IV. Public Comment Period

None.

V. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Thursday, September 2nd, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VI. Adjournment

Motion (Rick/Caylor) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.