

**CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, August 3, 2023 MINUTES**

Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Steve Hass, Alderperson Steve Sabatke, Alderperson Mike Rick, Bryan Bloch, Brad Becker and Becky Meyer. Alderperson Michael Caylor was excused.

Others Present: City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Attorney Hayden, City Engineer Akey, Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund and Merrill Community Productions video operator.

I. Call to Order - Chair Hass called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Minutes from previous meeting – Alderperson Rick made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6th meeting. Bryan Bloch seconded and the motion carried.

III. Agenda Items for Consideration:

1. Fair Update – Fair Association Rep Becker gave an update. He stated all should be ready for the fair. The prices for soda increased a bit; the other prices remained the same. There will also be added security this year. Following discussion regarding the bathrooms and lighting, Mayor Hass asked to come up with a list of Capital improvements for the Festival Grounds to be provided at the September meeting. This list would then be forwarded to the budget meetings.

2. Rodeo Update – Rodeo Association Rep Bloch gave an update. He stated the rodeo was a success and thanked the city and employees for their help.

3. Permanent Vendor Update – Permanent Vendor Rep Meyer gave an update and stated the stands are anticipating another big year.

4. Calendar of Events – This was handed out at the meeting. There were no questions.

5. Discussion on promoting the Festival Grounds – Social Media Specialist Savall provided a list of possible events which was provided at the meeting. This item will be included on the September agenda for further discussion.

IV. Monthly Reports:

Monthly Report – Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund – The report was provided at the meeting. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund highlighted some of the items on his report.

Alderperson Rick made a motion to place his report on file. Alderperson Sabatke seconded and the motion carried.

V. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

- VI. Establish date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 PM.
- VII. Adjournment** – Alderperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Bryan Bloch seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk