



CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES • THURSDAY MAY 6, 2021

Regular Meeting

City Hall Basement Conference Room

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Van Lieshout called the meeting to order at 6:00 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	Remote	
Bryan Bloch	Rodeo Assn. Rep.	Present	
Brad Becker	Fair Assn. Rep.	Present	

Other attendees (either in-person or remotely) included: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, I/T Manager Dustin Brown, Finance Director Kathy Unertl, Alderman Steve Hass, Festival Grounds Manager Richard Bjorklund, Krista Mitchell and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Merrill Productions was present to videotape the meeting.

II. Agenda Items for Consideration:

1. Building names on the newly colored buildings

Permanent Vendor Rep. Caylor had asked that this item be placed on the agenda.

He noted that the signs identifying several of the Festival Grounds buildings were no longer affixed to the buildings. City Administrator Johnson responded that the signs were removed when the buildings were redone.

City Administrator Johnson will look into this. No formal action was necessary, requested or taken.

2. Rodeo update

Rodeo Association Rep. Bloch reported that the rodeo is seeking signage. They are in favor of obtaining “uniform” signs that could be altered to use for multiple events.

COVID-19 precaution procedures at various events were discussed.

There are currently items on the grounds that should be moved prior to the rodeo.

3. Fair update

The fair association met recently with the fair vendors.

To date, scheduling of events is going smoothly.

Axe throwing is planning, and an escape room is still a possibility.

4. Calendar of Events

The calendar was in the meeting packet.

Krista Mitchell verbally reviewed the calendar.

III. Monthly Reports:

1. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund

The report was in the meeting packet.

Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund reported that a Swine Show would be a part of the rodeo this year.

2. Permanent Vendor Rep. Caylor

The report was in the meeting packet.

As mentioned earlier, the fair association and vendors have met recently.

Prices are a concern.

The Optimist Club will have a "free cheese curds" event on May 22nd.

IV. Public Comment Period

None.

V. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Thursday, June 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Common Council Chambers.

VI. Adjournment

Motion (Becker/Rick) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:21 P.M.