



CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES • THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Regular Meeting

Bierman Building

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	

Dave Buck was in attendance (in-person).

The following attended the meeting remotely: Mayor Derek Woellner, Alderman Steve Hass and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

II. Agenda items for consideration:

1. Rodeo Update

Rodeo Association Rep. Bloch stated that the Rodeo Association is still planning and hoping to have a 2021 rodeo. If not, the Rodeo Association would be forced to consider selling off their equipment.

2. Fair Update

Fair Association Rep. Becker reported that the Fair Association is hoping to obtain more vendors. Monster Trucks will be featured on Sunday at the fair. Scheduling musical acts is ongoing.

Motion (Rick/Van Lieshout) to book all the events listed on the calendar. Carried.

3. Calendar of Events

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

Motion (Rick/Van Lieshout) to book all the events listed on the calendar. Carried.

III. Monthly Reports:

1. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund

The monthly report and related information were in the meeting packet. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund provided additional verbal details.

2. Permanent Vendor Rep. Caylor (No report, as the Permanent Vendor Committee has not been meeting)

No report, because the Permanent Vendor group has not met recently.

IV. Public Comment Period

City Administrator Johnson reported that additional funds from the Bierman Foundation have been approved for remodeling/renovation of the cattle barn.

Several items that were not on the agenda were then discussed under the “public comment” section of the meeting.

City Clerk Heideman stated his opinion that, in order to comply with the Open Meetings Law, the public comment portion of the meeting should not be used to hold discussion on issues that belong as agenda items.

V. Establish date, time and location of next meeting

Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Bierman Building (Merrill Festival Grounds).

VI. Adjournment

Motion (Caylor/Rick) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:41 P.M.