

**CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
Present: Mayor Hass, Alderperson M. Caylor, Alderperson Lass, Becker, Henrichs
Present Not Voting: City Administrator Rod Akey
Excused: Alderperson Andrew Caylor, Festival Grounds Manager Rick Bjorklund,
City Attorney Thomas Hayden
Absent: Becky Meyer
Others present: City Clerk Anderson-Malm, David Buck
- II. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
 1. **Minutes from the May 9th meeting.** - Alderperson Lass motioned to place minutes on file. Henrichs seconded and the motion passed.
- III. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Fair Update** - Brad Becker updated the committee. All is going smoothly and is in place for the Fair.
 2. **Rodeo Update** - George Henrichs updated the committee. The rodeo had a good attendance, with 14,000 to 15,000 people at the rodeo, and on the grounds. Paid ticket sales for Friday night were 2,300 people; for Saturday, 2,700 people, and for Sunday it was 1,800 people.
 3. **Permanent Vendor Update** - No report was given.
 4. **Calendar of Events** - The calendar was in the packet. There was a brief discussion with the committee members.
 5. **Discuss and consider returning the name of the Festival Grounds to the Merrill Fair Grounds.** - Mayor Hass requested that this item be included on the agenda. Discussion regarding the name change occurred between committee members. Following discussion, Alderperson M. Caylor made a motion to return the name of the Festival Grounds to the Merrill Fair Grounds. Alderperson Lass seconded and the motion carried. City Attorney Hayden will be consulted regarding the need for this motion to be forwarded to the entire Common Council for final approval.
 6. **Discuss and consider fees for multiple uses. For example, a craft show in the Expo Building as well as on the grounds.** - Following the committee's discussion, no action was taken.
- IV. **Monthly Reports**
 1. **Monthly Report - Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund** - The report was included in the packet.

2. Consider placing monthly reports on file - Alderperson M. Caylor motioned to place reports on file. Alderperson Lass seconded and the motion passed.

V. Public Comment There was no public comment.

VI. Date and Time of Next Meeting - Thursday, July 10 at 6:00 pm due to the July 4th Holiday. The next meeting will be a Call of the Chair.

VII. Adjournment Alderperson Lass motioned to adjourn. Alderperson M. Caylor seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Anderson-Malm