

**CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, November 2, 2023 MINUTES**

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

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

Others Present: City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Attorney Hayden, Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund, Arnie Lange and Merrill Community Media video operator.

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Hass called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Minutes from previous meeting** – Alderperson Sabatke made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7th meeting. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.
- III. **Agenda Items for Consideration:**
 1. **Fair Update** – no update given
 2. **Rodeo Update** – no update given
 3. **Permanent Vendor Update** – no update given
 4. **Calendar of Events** – The calendar was included in the packet. There is a conflict with the Quilt Expo and the Lincoln County Fair in August 2024. Mayor Hass will discuss with Fair Rep Becker.
 5. **Discussion on promoting the Festival Grounds:**
 - a. **Update and discussion on Food Truck event May 18, 2024** – Mayor Hass reported on the progress Hallie Savall has made with this event. Twenty food truck operators have been contacted. The Corn hole Tournament has a promoter to handle this event. The Sawmill Brewery and VFW have been contacted regarding beverages. Incredible Bank will donate a tent for the tournament. There are a number of other items that are being worked on for this event. Continued information will be provided at the next meetings.
- 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. He also thanked Hallie Savall, Arnie Lange and volunteer groups that help the promoters and events.

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

- V. **Public Comment** – Arnie Lange from Lange Auction Realty made a public comment regarding setting up for his events.
- VI. **Establish date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be the Call of the Chair
- VII. **Adjournment** – Alderperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Sabatke seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk