

**CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, August 31, 2022 MINUTES**

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

Members Present: Mayor Steve Hass, Alderpersons Michael “Gus” Caylor, Steve Sabatke, Mike Rick. Other committee members present: Bryan Bloch, Brad Becker and Becky Meyer.

Absent: Festival Grounds Manager Rick Bjorklund

Others Present: City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm and Merrill Productions video operator. Communication Consultant Chantel Kuczmarski was remote.

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

II. Agenda Items for Consideration:

1. Discussion on campgrounds on Festival Grounds Site – Alderperson Sabatke presented information regarding campgrounds on the Festival Grounds site. Discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of this item. It was decided further research and information needed to be done before any decisions were made. This item will be brought back to the October meeting for further discussion.

2. Fair Update – Fair Association Rep Becker reported about the fair. He stated the attendance was good and the rides were well attended. There were no incidents. He extended thanks to a number of city employees, the Rodeo Association and the County for the excellent service they provided. There were a few issues regarding service animals and wristband issues. The Fair Board will have their wrap-up meeting and he will report at the next meeting with any other information.

3. Rodeo Update – There was no new information to report.

4. Food Vendor Update – Food Vendor Rep Becky Meyer reported the food stands had a good fair. There were no numbers to report yet.

5. Calendar of Events – An updated calendar was provided at the meeting. Pork in the Park was cancelled due to the lack of workers/volunteers.

III. Minutes from previous meeting:

1. Meeting minutes from August 4th – Alderperson Caylor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 4th. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Monthly Reports:

1. Monthly Report – Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund – the report was in the packet.

V. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

VI. Establish date and time of next meeting – The next meeting will be Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 PM

VII. Adjournment

Aldersperson Sabatke made a motion to adjourn. Aldersperson Rick seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk