



CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES • THURSDAY MAY 3, 2018

Regular Meeting

Bierman Building

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Alderman Norton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Rob Norton | Aldersperson - Seventh District | Present | |
| Tim Meehean | Aldersperson - Eighth District | Present | |
| Neal Christensen | Food Vendor Rep. | Present | |
| Bryan Bloch | Rodeo Assn. Rep. | Present | |
| Brad Becker | Fair Assn. Rep. | Present | |
| John M. Van Lieshout | Aldersperson - Fifth District | Present | |
| Derek Woellner | Mayor | Present | |

Also in attendance: City Administrator Dave Johnson, City Attorney Tom Hayden, Festival Grounds Manager Richard Bjorklund, Diane Wais, Bill Bialecki, Darryl Barker, Kandy Peterson, Mike Caylor Jr. and City Clerk Bill Heideman. Two students were in attendance to tape the meeting for Merrill Productions.

Alderman Norton welcomed Mayor Woellner and Alderman Van Lieshout as new committee members.

II. Minutes of previous meeting(s):

1. Minutes of April 5, 2018 meeting

Motion (Meehean/Becker) to approve.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
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III. Agenda items for consideration:

1. Continue discussion and reopring of alcohol licensing

City Attorney Hayden remarked that it is possible that being a licensee is beyond the scope of what any of the interested groups can or are willing to handle. He suggested that temporary Class "B" (picnic) beer licenses continue to be the avenue to allow beer in the Bierman Center. This type of license does not include liquor. Alderman Norton agreed with this suggestion.

No action was necessary, requested or taken. Unless circumstances change, this item will not appear on future agendas.

2. Rodeo update

The 2018 rodeo is scheduled for June 8-10. A poster advertising the upcoming rodeo was circulated. Rodeo Association Rep. Bloch noted that more posters are available to anyone who would like to help advertise the rodeo.

Rodeo Association Rep. Bloch reviewed the schedule of events for the 2018 rodeo. He then gave a verbal status report on the arena-area improvements project.

3. Fair update

Fair Association Rep. Becker reviewed the schedule of grandstand shows for the 2018 fair. All fair preparations are going smoothly at this time.

4. Calendar of Events

The calendar was in the meeting packet.

Diane Wais reported that the VFW has decided to hold their August 11th event elsewhere. For information, an application form for Bierman Building/Expo Center users/renters was distributed.

5. 2019 & 2020 Fair dates

The 2019 fair is scheduled for August 14th to August 18th. The tentative dates for the 2020 fair are August 19th to August 23rd.

IV. Monthly Reports:

1. Food Vendor Rep. Christensen

Food Vendor Rep. Christensen reported that their group had a meeting at the Eagles Club on April 26th. Four of the seven groups were represented at that meeting. The seven groups are busy working on preparations for 2018 events.

Food Vendor Rep. Christensen submitted a letter of resignation, effective May 31st, 2018. The letter explained that Michael Caylor Jr. has been elected to represent the food vendors (permanent stands) on the Festival Grounds Committee, contingent upon mayoral appointment and Common Council approval.

2. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund

The monthly report was in the meeting packet.

Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund reported that a Tractor Pull meeting was held on May 3rd. Two wrestling entities have expressed interest in having an event in the Bierman Building, and two gun shows have already been booked.

V. Public Comment Period

Bill Bialecki thanked Neal Christensen for his work on the committee.

VI. Establish date, time & location of next meeting

Motion (Christensen) to hold the next meeting in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 7th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Bierman Building.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (Meehean/Van Lieshout) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:53 P.M.