

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Special Events Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee Members

Chairman – Alderman Scott Musillami

Member – Alderman Mark Benson

Member – Alderman John Von Drasek

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Musillami called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Musillami
Alderman Benson

Absent: Alderman Von Drasek

Also Present: City Clerk Kmet
Treasurer Bolt
Alderman Frohlich
Alderman Mikolyzk
Deputy Clerk Cordova
Designer Events Katie Goggin

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2025.

4.a. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2025 were previously distributed to the members of the Special Events Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Benson to **APPROVE** the minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting, seconded by Chairman Musillami and carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:**5.a. Discussion on the 2026 Summer Concert Series.**

Katie Goggin from Designer Events proposed her ideas for the 2026 Summer Concert series. Ms. Goggin provided the committee two different versions of the graphics for the summer concert series. Ms. Goggin went through all the dates and bands that will be playing on those days.

Ms. Goggin also included the budget outline which includes all the costs and fees for all the bands. This budget is \$1,000 less than what it was last year.

Chairman Musillami asked how much time do we have to make a decision for these bands. Ms. Goggin said we are typically early in booking these bands, so

we should be okay. Chairman Musillami said we just need to run the bands past everyone before we make a decision.

5.b. Recap on all 2025 Events.

Deputy Clerk Cordova went through all the events from 2025. Ms. Cordova said this Winterfest was the biggest one that we have ever had. We postponed the 2026 Winterfest because the club house is under construction but we will have it again in 2027.

Our next event was the St. Patrick's Day parade and we had no complaints from anyone. We raised a total of \$15,000, \$5,000 went to Healthy Countryside and \$10,000 went to Aging Care Connections. We had six after party locations.

Next was our Easter Egg Hunt which was also a great event.

For the Back to School Wellness Fair we had over forty vendor tables. We had a presenting sponsor which is a new mental health group in town. They donated \$5,000 to this event which paid for the book bags, tents, chairs, and tables.

Next came the Blue Grass Fest which unfortunately it rained. Out of the five bands only three bands were able to perform. This year we are moving the date from August until September.

The Children's Christmas Party was a great event. The only problem I can see is Premier Catering is starting to get too small for this event. This year we might have to look for a different location.

This year we are having a new event which is Countryside Route 66 Centennial Car Show on June 6, 2026.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Musillami asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Alderman Benson to adjourn the meeting it was seconded by Chairman Musillami and carried unanimously.

There being no further Special Event business, Chairman Musillami adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Musillami

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