

# CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Special Events Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

### **Committee Members**

**Chairman – Alderman James Jasinski  
Member – Alderman Mark Benson  
Member – Alderman John Von Drasek**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jasinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairman Jasinski  
Alderman Benson  
Alderman Von Drasek

**Also Present:** Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Finn, City Administrator Paul, Assistant City Administrator Peterson, Finance Director Schutter, and City Clerk Kmet

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 5, 2020.**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2020 were previously distributed to the members of the Special Event Committee.

I move to approve the minutes of the Special Event Committee meeting of May 5, 2020.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Von Drasek to APPROVE the minutes from the May 5, 2020 meeting, seconded by Committee Member Benson and carried unanimously.**

**V. DISCUSSION ON HALLOWEEN.**

Chairman Jasinski stated that we can't have an indoor Halloween party due to COVID and the 50 person restriction. Mr. Jasinski gave two suggestions, either we have trick or treating door to door or trunk and treating at the old City hall parking lot. Committee Member Von Drasek asked if we have heard anything from the CDC on their guidelines. Assistant City Administrator Peterson stated that she has printed the CDC guidelines. The guidelines list low risk, moderate risk, and high risk activities. The two ideas Chairman Jasinski mentioned fall into the high risk activity. Committee Member Benson asked if we were planning on making any recommendations to the public. Is there something the City can sponsor or do for the kids? Chairman Jasinski said it has nothing to do with the City sponsorship. Either the kids can go trick or treating like normal or go trick or treating with restrictions put into place. Committee Member Benson suggested that we have trick or treating on Saturday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and participants can put candy at the end of their driveways. Chairman Jasinski stated that the proposal on the table is trick or treating from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday and putting candy at the end of the driveway. Homeowners can either sit outside at the end of the driveway or just leave the bowl of candy at the end of the driveway. Mr. Jasinski said that we should also state that we are following the moderate CDC guidelines. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF CANCELING THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

Chairman Jasinski stated that the Children's Christmas Party is an indoor event and there is more than 50 people in attendance. Assistant City Administrator Peterson stated that last year we had 155 children not including parents and grandparents. Ms. Peterson also mentioned that in year's past we had letters to Santa, where we would send personalized letters to each child. Would that be a program we'd be interested in bringing back? Everyone decided not to bring back this program.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Benson to postpone the Children's Christmas Party this year and revisit it after we go into the appropriate CDC phase, it was seconded by Committee Member Von Drasek and carried unanimously.**

**VII. CONSIDERATION OF CANCELING WINTER FEST 2021.**

Chairman Jasinski stated that this event is generally an indoor/outdoor event. Unfortunately in the past years it has been too cold so everyone has been indoors. We would again have more than 50 people. I propose we cancel the 2021 Winter Fest.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Benson to postpone the 2021 Winter Fest and revisit it after we go into the appropriate CDC Phase, it was seconded by Committee Member Von Drasek and carried unanimously.**

**VIII. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS.**

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Jasinski asked for a motion to adjourn.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Von Drasek to adjourn the meeting it was seconded by Committee Member Benson and carried unanimously.**

There being no further Special Event business, Alderman Jasinski adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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Alderman Jasinski, Chairman

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