

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Special Events Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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
Alderman Von Drasek

Also Present: Mayor McDermott
Alderman Frohlich
City Clerk Kmet
Treasurer Bolt
Assistant City Administrator Peterson
Office Assistant Saucedo
Countryside Resident Kris Lonsway

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 12, 2022.

4.a. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2022 were previously distributed to the members of the Special Events Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Benson to APPROVE the minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Alderman Von Drasek and carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:

5.a. Consideration of the 2022 Summer Concert Series proposal from Designer Event Chicago in the amount of \$24,615.00.

Assistant City Administrator Peterson stated that Ms. Goggin's is changing the concert from one and a half hours to two hours and the bands are the same but they might be switching nights that they perform. Ms. Peterson has the fireworks contract, it will cost \$8,400 and is scheduled for July with a rain date in August.

A motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek to APPROVE the 2022 Summer Concert Series proposal from Designer Event Chicago in the amount of \$24,615.00, seconded by Alderman Benson and carried unanimously.

5.b. Consideration of hosting a pop-up Biergarten and Food Truck Festival with Brewfest Partners.

Assistant City Administrator Peterson stated that the committee suggested the event run from 3 pm to 10 pm, we originally wanted the event from 3 pm to 8 pm. Can we compromise and have the event from 3 pm to 9 pm.

Chairman Musillami asked if the event was still going to be only one day.

Ms. Peterson said yes it would be only one day on Saturday, August 27th. Ms. Peterson has been looking into bands and spoke with Maureen, former Executive Director of the Chamber and Maureen stated that the headliner band could run as high as \$3600 and the opening band could run anywhere from \$750 to \$1800.

Mr. Musillami asked what the total for the event would be.

Ms. Peterson said the total would be \$25,000. The amount that Mr. Foreman from Brewfest Partners gave was \$11,000 and that would only be for the items he would be bringing. The rest of the money would be for the bands.

Alderman Benson thought that the last time the committee talked about this event that they decided not to have it. He thought we were going to have some bands and a beer truck.

Ms. Peterson stated that she didn't have that impression.

Mayor McDermott said he agreed with Alderman Benson that they were going to scrape that idea and have bands and a beer truck. According to Mr. Foreman from Brewfest Partners the music the committee was talking would be in conflict with what this event was all about.

Assistant City Administrator Peterson was instructed to notify breweries and to look at bands for the 10th of September.

5.c. Discussion on a back to school event/festival to be held at Ideal School Park.

Mayor McDermott spoke on this item. Mayor McDermott stated that we have had a bike race in Ward 2 and the St. Patrick's Day Parade goes through Ward 3. We have never had an event in Ward 1. What Mayor McDermott proposed is to have an event that is a combination back to school and block party. We can have a food truck, beer truck and music. We would start with the back to school program and then go into the other activities. There may be kids that need back to school vaccinations or physicals. The event would be like a health fair. We would bring in whatever social services we can from the area.

Mayor McDermott has spoken with Kris Lonsway (CMF) about this a year ago. There are a number of groups that are interested in participating. Some of the people on the committee are Greg DiDomenico (CMF), Brian Ganan (D105), Candice Mares (D105), Angela Curran (Pillars Community Health), and Cathy Pierson (the Leadership). Mayor McDermott would like to ask for the Committees support for this event and move it forward to the planning stage.

Alderman Benson said that he thought it was a great idea. Chairman Musillami also thought it was a great idea that we are bringing the community together.

Kris Lonsway (CMF) stated that their committee had a meeting and discussed the direct services like vaccines and physicals versus education. The committee agreed that education would be the way to go versus direct services. There reasons were there are vaccine clinics that the schools offer and the layers of complexity with direct services such as privacy issues, monitoring, and liability.

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 Alderman Von Drasek and carried unanimously.

There being no further Special Event business, Chairman Musillami adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Musillami

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