



SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

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Committee Date: September 12 2024
Present: Mayor Pulice, Treasurer Porch, Alderman Artie Woods,
Alderwoman Ames
Absent:
Also Present: Janelle Silva

Meeting Convened at: 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Alderwoman Aimes
2. Treasurer Sandra Porch

DISCUSSION:

Janelle began the meeting by presenting two-line up option of EMG for Prairie Fest 2025. The Committee received both lineups prior to the meeting in an email with links of samples of the music so that the Committee could come prepared to make decisions. The two lineups while similar had two distinct differences.

One line up has one national band scheduled on Friday night of Prairie Fest and the other had two national bands, one on Thursday night and one on Friday night. The cost for the first line up was \$80k and the second was \$75k – not including the hospitality and production costs. It was estimated that that option two with two national bands would cost more in hospitality because its twice the band members.

The Committee chose option one, with one national band, Everclear on Friday night. From there the Committee went through the remaining band options on the option one.

For Thursday night the Committee would like to see other options available for the opener, such as Hi-Fi Superstar. The Committee agreed that ARRA would be preferred to the Disco Circus.

For Friday we would like to swap ALT 101 to Starlight on Saturday as the opener. And Everclear as the headliner.

For Saturday, the committee did not like Class of '68. The Committee also mentioned that we possibly not have a band in this slot. Janelle was given direction to ask EMG for 2-3 more options and consider using a dj during that timeslot as well. It would save some money as well. The Committee agreed that Cheap Foreign Cars would be a good fit for Prairie Fest. The Committee would like to see ALT 101 and Too Hype Crew scheduled back to back to mimic last year's event.



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For Sunday, the committee discussed in detail the pros and cons of an Elton John tribute. Alderman Artie Woods expressed concern for the opening band being Elton John which would follow the wrestling event. Would wrestling fans stay to hear Elton John or would another band keep them onsite longer? Perhaps a Tom Petty Band or CTA or other options.

The Committee agreed to keep 7th Heaven as the headliner for Sunday.

Janelle confirmed that DJ'd music could begin at 1 p.m.

The committee agreed that they should meet again to confirm the alternate options from EMG. The Committee agreed that Monday, September 23 would work for the committee and provide time for EMG to follow up.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Ames and seconded by Treasurer Porch to adjourn.

Ayes: Alderman Artie Woods, Alderwoman Ames, Mayor Pulice.

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Whereupon Mayor Pulice declared the motion to be carried out and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.