



**SPECIAL EVENTS  
COMMITTEE**

August 27, 2019

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**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Date: August 27, 2019  
Present: Mayor Pulice, Alderman A. Woods, Alderman R. Messina,

Absent: City Clerk S. Siebert  
Also Present: Grant Paplauskas

Meeting Convened at: 6:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

On a motion by Alderman Woods, seconded by Alderman Messina to approve the Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2019. When the question was put, a voice vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Mayor Pulice, Alderman A. Woods, Alderman Messina

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee discussed the possibility of moving Prairie Fest back to Community Square and directed staff to obtain space comparisons. The Committee discussed music for 2020 and directed staff to begin working on a music lineup for consideration. Discussion took place regarding enhanced children's entertainment, the addition of a bocce or bags tournament and non-music performers filling the space on stage between music acts. Alcohol ticket sales will end 25 minutes prior to the end of the night, with actual distribution ending 15 minutes prior to the end of the evening. Music will begin at 6 pm on weekdays and at 3 pm on weekend days with the Festival gates opening 30 minutes prior to that. It has not been determined whether the car show component of the Festival will continue. The Committee also desires to continue the improved fireworks from this past year's event. A motion was made by Alderman Woods and seconded by Alderman Messina to increase the fireworks budget by \$3000 to accommodate enhanced fireworks.

Ayes: Alderman A. Woods, Alderman R. Messina, Mayor Pulice

Nays: None



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Abstain: None

Whereupon Mayor Pulice declared the motion carried

The committee then discussed 2020 events such as concerts, car shows and outdoor movies. The car shows and movies will continue with a possible “date night” movie as well that would allow patrons to bring in outside coolers. The highly-successful Sounds of Summer concert series will continue and expand. Alderman Woods made a motion seconded by Mayor Pulice to expand the series to four concerts in 2020.

Ayes: Alderman A. Woods, Mayor Pulice

Nays: Alderman R. Messina

Abstain: None

Whereupon Mayor Pulice declared the motion carried

The committee then moved on to discuss Tree Lighting, which will be Tree Lighting will be structured similarly to last year with some of the entertainment being stationed in a large tent behind the police station. Staff will take into consideration the last-minute cancellation of the 2018 tent in order to make sure everything can be relocated if weather is a factor. Patrons enjoyed having the actual lighting of the tree inside the City Hall rotunda, as well as Santa Claus using that as his backdrop, so that will occur again this year.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Alderman Woods, seconded by Alderman Messina to adjourn the Special Events Committee Meeting of August 27, 2019. When the question was put, a voice vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Alderman A. Woods, Alderman R. Messina, Mayor Pulice

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Whereupon Mayor Pulice declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.