

**CITY OF CAYCE
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Council Chambers
February 10, 2022**

Present: Danny Creamer, Dwede Dennis, Maxine Creamer, Dave Capps, Johnathon Moore, Evony Reed, Cindy Pedersen, Robert Cathcart, Brianne Siciliano, Alexis Moore

Absent: Megan Lightle

City Representative: Amanda Rowan

Chairperson Danny Creamer called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dwede Dennis gave the invocation.

Review of January 13, 2022, minutes. Dave Capps made a motion to accept the minutes, Dwede Dennis seconded. The minutes were approved.

New Business:

Discussion was held on moving the 2022 Fall Festival to November. Mr. Creamer explained that due to the Bluegrass Festival returning in October, the City was looking at moving the Fall Fest to November. Alexis Moore asked if the Bluegrass Festival would be a City sponsored event, like the Soiree, or an Events Committee event. Mr. Creamer explained that it would be joint event between the Events Committee and the City. Maxine Creamer noted that the addition of the Bluegrass Festival would mean the committee would be working on events in October, November, and December. Cindy Pedersen suggested holding the Bluegrass Festival in the Spring, due to it appearing to be too much in 3 months. Mr. Creamer explained that the City is hoping to reuse past banners and items that have the date in the Fall along with other events already taking place in the Spring. Ms. Moore suggested holding the Bluegrass in lieu of the Fall Fest. Amanda Rowan explained that the Fall Fest is more of a multi-cultural event, whereas the Bluegrass Festival is not, so the City has asked that Bluegrass not replace the Fall Fest. Mr. Capps agreed that it would be a lot of work, but also a lot of “party”. Ms. Dennis suggested adding craft vendors to Fall Fest for Christmas shopping. She also inquired about the involvement of Mr. Willie Wells. Mr. Creamer explained that Mr. Wells’ involvement would be limited, and that promotion and bookings would be completed by the Committee or City staff. Ms. Pedersen asked why Mr. Wells would not be handling the bookings. Mr. Creamer explained that Mr. Wells was working as a promoter/booking agent, so they were not comfortable with using him for bands, but he would still be involved with sponsors. Ms. Rowan stated that moving the Bluegrass to the Fall would allow for H- and A-tax funding. Ms. Moore suggested advertising for future events at each event. Mr. Capps made a motion to accept date changes for events. Ms. Reed seconded.

Ms. Pedersen made a motion to assist the City in any COVID Memorial Events on March 1st. Ms. Rowan stated she wasn’t aware of any events taking place but would let them know if any came up.

Mr. Creamer asked that the City let them know when H- and A- tax applications were available for the next year and Ms. Rowan agreed.

Mr. Creamer stated he had already started putting feelers out for Fall Fest musicians. The Committee would like to bring back Mystic Vibrations, The Accused, and the Soda City Brass Band. Mr. Creamer would like to see the Bluegrass Festival get back to its roots, where in the early stages they pulled it off for around \$8-10,000 total by starting small.

Event Committee Cookout: The committee cookout was discussed. Mr. Creamer asked for a date and location. Ms. Pedersen suggested the Granby Pavilion. Johnathon Moore offered to host at his home. Ms. Dennis made a motion to accept Mr. Moore's offer. Mr. Capps seconded. Mr. Creamer suggested the 12th of March, but Brienne Siciliano would not be in town, so Mr. Creamer suggested the 19th of March. Ms. Reed suggested 1pm. Johnathon Moore stated families would be welcome. Ms. Siciliano suggested sending around a sign-up sheet. Mr. Creamer stated he would supply meats and send out the email. Ms. Pedersen volunteered to bring a signature drink.

Ms. Reed asked about the Buffalo Soldiers. Mr. Capps explained that the original event was an annual anniversary event that the Buffalo Soldiers National Chapter puts on, but the local chapter was agreeable to do something locally. The City has been given the point of contact's information to reach out. A possible joint event with West Columbia was suggested. Mr. Creamer suggested incorporating them into one of the upcoming events.

There being no further business, Robert Cathcart made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Moore and Pedersen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

The next Events Committee meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Creamer