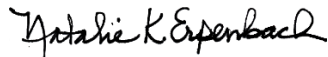


City of Neillsville
Grants Committee - Regular Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - 4:00 pm.
City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

- Meeting called to order by Chair Natalie Erpenbach at 4:03 pm.
- On Roll Call – Present: Jody Conner, Deanna Heiman, Natalie Erpenbach, Brent Shoup, Barb Petkovsek. All present.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Shoup to approve the agenda. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Petkovsek to approve the August 27, 2024, Grants Committee meeting minutes as presented. Voice vote, Heiman, Erpenbach, Shoup, Petkovsek aye, Conner abstains, motion carried.
- Citizen appearances - None
- Discussed grant applications and other financial assistance projects in progress.
 - #2023-7 – Safe Routes to Schools Grant – Awarded & In Process. Hailee Bushman (WCWRPC) to set meeting dates.
 - #2023-13 – Conner reports that local dealership has plan for EV (electric) charging stations. They will provide information and details as appropriate.
 - #2024-1 – Traffic Calming Grant work has been completed (E. 2nd St & Willow intersection).
 - #2024-3 – FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant. Notice of Awards began in July 2024. \$336 Million to award and approx. with 12 million available yet.
 - #2024-4- Defibrillators for City’s use. Letter to request funds from Listeman Foundation was submitted 9/9/2024.
 - #2024-5 – Funding for city murals project discussed. Beautification committee investigating how other communities (New London WI) have approached this type of project.
 - 2024-6 – Historic Preservation grant due Spring of 2025. Erpenbach is working with local videographer to create images to go with written application. In process. Equipment purchased to assist with this project.
 - 2024-8- Cybersecurity Grant – WI Emergency Management. Grant was submitted 8/15/2024.
 - 2024-10 – Dick’s Sporting Good Foundation grant for Listeman Park ball field project. \$50,000 requested – submitted 9/4/2024.
 - Erpenbach will try to meet with Department heads to gain a better understanding of their needs and how we can help them and work together.
 - Invoice for \$464.18 presented for payment by Erpenbach. Purchase of 360 camera equipment for use in grant applications and other City uses. Motion by Petkovsek and second by Heiman to approve payment. Voice vote, Conner, Shoup, Petkovsek and Heiman all aye. Erpenbach abstains. Motion carried
- Conner leaves the meeting at 4:55 pm.
- Community Development Block Grants / City Incentive Applications – None

- Old Business
 - Discussion held on Cemetery Columbarium options. Cemetery Commission has been given this committee's report of funding options and it is their option how to proceed with this project.
 - Discussed a meeting on October 3, 2024, at Clark Electric Cooperative offices in Greenwood at 9:30 am to Noon. The meeting will be with WEDC, WCWRPC, Momentum West & others. RSVP to Clark Co Economic Development Corp. if you plan to attend.
- New Business
 - Discussion on City's current Comprehensive Plan and identified City priorities and how those affect the Grants Committee's work going forward. Items discussed included new or remodeled housing, transportation, quality of life, training and retaining employees, new business creation and increased traffic for local restaurants, hotels, gas stations and retail businesses. How can grant opportunities help make the City of Neillsville grow, take care of current issues, and improve quality of life for everyone? Which ones should we focus on or actively search out? How do we work with other organizations to accomplish this? Discussion to continue at next meeting.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Shoup to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Next meeting of the Grants Committee will be October 22, 2024, at 4:00 pm at City Hall.



Natalie Erpenbach, Committee Chair