

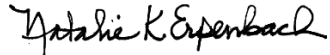
City of Neillsville  
**Grants Committee - Regular Meeting MINUTES**  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 - 4:00 pm.  
City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

- Meeting called to order by Chair Natalie Erpenbach at 4:10 pm.
- On Roll Call – Present: Deanna Heiman, Natalie Erpenbach, Brent Shoup, and Barb Petkovsek. Jody Conner is not present.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Petkovsek to approve the agenda. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Shoup to approve the September 24, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Voice vote, all aye, 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 beginning in 2025. Heiman to discuss with Clark County Health Department as well as a community partner.
  - #2024-3 – FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant application was denied. Will apply again in 2025. We were one of approx.. 7000 applicants. Approx. 1700 were funded.
  - #2024-4- Defibrillators for City’s use. No response yet from Listeman Foundation request sent 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. Initial footage of the video is complete. Erpenbach reports it is very well done and will bring to the next meeting for review. Also discussed murals project. Petkovek had gone to New London WI to see their 70+ building mural projects and gain ideas and resource information.
  - 2024-8- Cybersecurity Grant – WI Emergency Management. Grant was awarded in amount of \$42,000 with a 10 % cost share. Once funding is received by WI from FEMA, we can proceed with terms of grant. Erpenbach continues to work on draft of Cybersecurity Policy – a component of this grant project.
  - 2024-10 – Dick’s Sporting Good Foundation grant for Listeman Park ball field project. \$50,000 requested – submitted 9/4/2024 with notification to be received by mid November 2024.
  - 2024-11 – Erpenbach and Heiman worked with Sarah Sippl of NW WI Rural Partners Network to complete an EPA grant “Recreation Economy for Rural Communities”. No dollars awarded but brings several federal agencies as working partners for local stakeholders who envision economic growth, connecting communities and existing recreational assets.
- Community Development Block Grants / City Incentive Applications – None
- Old Business
  - Continued 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. Working with WI Economic Development Corporation and Rural Partners Network will help us in all of these areas.

- New Business
- Motion by Shoup and second by Heiman to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

There will be NO November meeting, and the December Meeting date December 10, 2024, at 4 pm at City Hall.



Natalie Erpenbach, Committee Chair