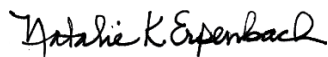


City of Neillsville  
**Grants Committee - Regular Meeting MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - 4:00 pm.  
City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

- Meeting called to order by Chair Natalie Erpenbach at 4:07 pm.
- On Roll Call – Present: Deanna Heiman, Natalie Erpenbach, Brent Shoup, Barb Petkovsek and Jody Conner 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 December 10, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Citizen appearances - None
- Discussed grant applications and other financial assistance projects in progress.
  - #2024-8 Cybersecurity Grant - WI Emergency Management. Grant was awarded and funded in the amount of \$42,000 with a 10 % cost share. Erpenbach provided copy of Technology Committee (AD HOC) meeting minutes. Copy attached to these minutes. Grants Committee will be updated on AD HOC committee's work and progress.
  - Murals Project discussed. Beautification and Historic Preservation Commission are working on new city Murals Project. Funding ideas discussed. Grants Committee involvement not needed at this time.
  - #2023-7 – Safe Routes to Schools Grant – Awarded & In Process. Hailee Bushman (WCWRPC) has emailed that she is ready to set meeting dates move forward with this grant. Heiman, Shoup and Conner will work with Bushman and other identified partners. Erpenbach to email Bushman and get her list of committee contacts.
  - Noted that Simplicity Credit Union had new donation request link on their website. Noted Marshfield Clinic is accepting grant requests again.
  - Erpenbach stated that no news available on pending #2024-11 EPA Rural Economies for Rural Communities grant application or #2024-12 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant application. Both submitted in 2024. Nothing has been awarded on these to date.
  - Erpenbach stated the National Park Service - Paul Bruhn Historic Preservation grant has not yet been announced. Application process on hold.
  - WI – Innovation Planning Grant opportunity discussed. Petkovsek to discuss opportunity to work with Jay Shambeau to assist with possible application with Mayor Poeschel.
  - Erpenbach reported that she and Heiman continue to work with Sarah Sippl at NW Wisconsin Rural Partners Network.
- Community Development Block Grants / City Incentive Applications – None
- Old Business – None.
- New Business - None
- Motion by Heiman and second by Petkovsek to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 4 pm at City Hall.



Natalie Erpenbach, Committee Chair