

City of Neillsville

MINUTES

Grants Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 - 4:00 pm.

City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Erpenbach at 4:08 pm.
2. On roll call:, Natalie Erpenbach, Deanna Heiman, Barb Petkovsek and Brent Shoup. Jody Conner was absent. Quorum present
3. A motion was made by Heiman and seconded by Shoup to approve the Agenda. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Heiman and seconded by Petkovsek to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2025, Grants Committee Meeting as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
5. Citizen appearances- None.
6. Committee discussed the following Grant Applications:
 - a. Grant applications that have been submitted timely, but no decisions have been made as of the meeting date. No further action taken.
 - i. *FEMA – Assistance to Firefighters Grant* – submitted 12/20/2024
 - ii. *EPA – Rural Economies for Rural Communities* – submitted 10/16/2024
 - iii. *WI Emergency Management - Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 2-* submitted 5/30/2025. Erpenbach stated this application is currently under review but that they are short-staffed, and it will take time to hear back.
 - b. Grant applications that have been awarded and are in various stages of completion.
 - i. *TAP grant – Safe Routes to Schools grant* – WCWRPC / City / School District. Meetings and work assignments are progressing well. The final report will be available in a few months. Committee meets again tomorrow 7/23/2025 so more will be reported at the next meeting.

Many recommended items could fall under the next TAP grant funding which pays 80% with a 20% match. October 31st deadline for this grant.
 - ii. *WI DOA - Innovation Planning Grant – Phase I* – Petkovsek stated that work was progressing, and a report is back to City. Recommendations are being reviewed. She commented that there is a lot of information to consider, and that it is a comprehensive report.
 - iii. *WI Emergency Management - Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 1.* Erpenbach has submitted first quarter 2025 reports and is waiting for approval. They are behind at WEM. The second quarter report can be submitted when 1st quarter is approved.
 - iv. *City Tourism Commission Grants* (Beautification – Murals / HPC – website). Murals Project Work Group completed 2 murals for Heritage Days. All comments have been positive. Erpenbach will submit the invoices paid so far to Chamber for Tourism grant reimbursement.

- c. Discussion and possible action on grant application projects to be prepared and submitted by due dates.
 - i. *WI DNR - Tree Grant* – Dan Clough and Conner will lead this grant application process. No report at this time.
 - ii. *Firehouse Subs Foundation* – Shoup reported what items can be funded. No application is being submitted for this cycle. Shoup will continue to work with Chief Mankowski regarding items they would appreciate help in securing funding for.
 - iii. *National Endowment of the Arts – Our Town Grant* program – Pektkovsek has submitted Phase 1 grant application, and we have been approved. Phase 2 opens tomorrow 7-23-25 and closes 7-29-25. Petkovsek will submit this application by the 29th.
 - iv. WEDC – Community Development Investment Grant – Erpenbach is completing the initial application vetting material. This is a for a qualified renovation grant for 150 E. Division St. WEDC will review this initial material on 7-29-2025.
 - v. Listeman Foundation grant request – discussed the various Committees that would be included with request. Erpenbach will submit request by end of July 2025. Police Department request for Listeman Foundation that was prepared by Chief Mankowski has already been submitted.
- 7. Old Business – None not already discussed.
- 8. New Business – None

Next meeting date August 26, 2025, at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

- 9. Adjournment – Motion by Heiman and seconded by Shoup to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.