

**COMMISSION ON PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 10, 2026
6:45 P.M.**

The Commission on Public Works/Utilities met in regular session, Chair Clough presiding. On roll call: Council Member Petkovsek absent, all other members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Director of Public Works Friemoth reported on no burials at the Cemetery, snow removal-plowing, clearing sidewalks and sanding, trimming trees in the Cemetery, equipment and shop maintenance, patching potholes, opening catch basins, Water Department-daily testing and well rounds, utility locates, meter change outs, working on inventory and audit information, repaired a water main break on W. Eighteenth Street, repaired a service leak on our side on E. Ninth Street, flushing hydrants in main break area to clear up the water, repair and maintenance of well and treatment plant equipment, Sewer Department-daily testing and treatment plant rounds, lift station maintenance and inspections, sewer main and manhole inspection for ongoing lining and repairs estimates, equipment maintenance and troubleshooting tied to the extreme cold weather.

Motion Poeschel, second Rochester, to adjourn. All Aye.

Daniel M. Clough, Chair

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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**COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL ROOM
FEBRUARY 10, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council met in regular session, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: all members present with Council Member Petkovsek via telephone. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Council Member Petkovsek reported on the January 27, 2026 meeting of the Grants Committee regarding: 1) discussion on the State of Wisconsin decision to recall all regional Housing Loan program funds back to the State, yet leaving all the current housing loans locally with the City, 2) discussion on TIF District No. 3 balance and closing, 3) discussion on and recommendation to approve the TIF District Affordable Housing Extension Resolution for TID No. 3 and 4) review and updating the list of grants in progress.

Mayor Poeschel presented the February 3, 2026 meeting of the Personnel Committee regarding discussion on and recommendation to approve wage schedule for the non-union employees, except the Fire Department, Part-time Recreation, Election Board, Part-time Police and Police Chief.

Mayor Poeschel presented the February 4, 2026 meeting of the Beautification Committee regarding: 1) discussion on the 2025 Christmas/Winter decorations, 2) discussion on and approval of ordering new Christmas decorations for the poles and over the streets, 3) discussion on decorations for America's 250th Anniversary and 4) authorized applying for a Tourism Grant for decorations for America's 250th Anniversary celebration.

Council Member Rochester presented the February 4, 2026 meeting of the Heritage Days Committee regarding: 1) financial report, 2) discussion on Glow Run, 3) discussion on and approved hiring the Thursday night band, 4) discussion on tent rental, 5) discussion on and approved hiring Friday night bands, 6) discussion on and approved hiring the Uncommon Denominator band for Saturday night, 7) discussion on theme, 8) discussion on and approved booking Homegrown Tomatoes for Sunday, 9) discussion on kid events and 10) discussion on event insurance.

Council Member Clough reported on the February 10, 2026 meeting of the Commission of Public Works/Utilities regarding current activities.

Mayor Poeschel declared all reports filed as presented with the City Clerk.

Mayor Poeschel asked if there were any questions on the Grants Committee item (3).

Mayor Poeschel read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 645

**TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT (TID) AFFORDABLE HOUSING
EXTENSION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Neillsville created TID No.3 on August 22, 2006, and successfully completed implementation of the project plan and sufficient increment was collected or will be collected in 2026 from the 2025 tax roll to pay off its aggregate project costs; and

WHEREAS, state law requires termination of a TID after all project costs have been paid, state law (sec. 66.1105(6)(g), Wis. Stats.), does allow extension of a TID up to one year, using the last year of tax increment to improve the City's housing stock; and

WHEREAS, at least 75 percent of the final increment must benefit affordable housing with the remaining portion used to improve housing stock; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Neillsville hereby extends the life of TID No. 3 for 12 months from the date of this resolution to use the final year's increment collected in 2027 from the 2026 tax roll to benefit affordable housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Neillsville shall use the final increment to improve housing quality and affordability by putting the monies in the City housing program to assist families/individuals to maintain and repair their houses and landlords to maintain and repair apartments through loans or grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Neillsville shall adopt a termination resolution by April 15, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Neillsville Clerk shall notify the Wisconsin Department of Revenue by providing a copy of this resolution.

Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

Rex R. Roehl, City Clerk

Motion Gelhaus, second Clough, that Resolution No. 645 be adopted. All Aye.

Mayor Poeschel asked if there were any questions on the Personnel Committee item.

Motion Clough, second Neville, to accept the recommendation to approve the wage schedule for non-union employees as presented effective February 16, 2026. All Aye.

City Clerk Roehl presented a request from the Police Department to borrow for a squad car including purchase price, fees, equipment installation and graphics and get loan proposals for \$62,000 with repayment over three years from the three local financial institutions.

Motion Gelhaus, second Clough, to proceed with the borrowing of \$62,000 for the purchase of a squad car and setup costs. All Aye.

Council Member Rochester asked if the City has a policy on how many miles a squad car can be taken out of the City.

Mayor Poeschel stated that is being worked on by the Personnel Committee.

City Clerk Roehl reported the Neillsville Public Library receiving a \$10,000 donation from the Carnegie Corporation of New York in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Motion Rochester, second Neville, to accept and appropriate \$10,000 to Account No. 55110 Library Department Administration and to thank the Carnegie Corporation of New York for its donation. All Aye.

Motion Neville, second Rochester, that City Bills Nos. 115 to 153 in the amount of \$547,117.86 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Rochester, second Gelhaus, to adjourn. All Aye.

Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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