

City of Neillsville

MINUTES

Grants Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Erpenbach at 4:00 pm.
On roll call:, Natalie Erpenbach, Deanna Heiman, Jill Neville, Barb Petkovsek, and Brent Shoup. All members present.
2. A motion was made by Petkovsek and seconded by Shoup to approve the Agenda. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Heiman and seconded by Neville to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2026, Grants Committee Meeting as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
4. Citizen appearances- None.
5. Ad Hoc Technology Committee update - Erpenbach reported that Network and Cybersecurity Policies and Procedures are currently being drafted for review.
6. Housing Loan programs discussed. Erpenbach had recently provided sample Grant policies and procedures and grant application form to Shoup, Jody Conner and Neville. They are using the City of De Pere's program to develop a Housing Grant program for use in 2027 once remaining TID No. 3 funds are available for housing purposes.

Shoup and Neville reported on their activity so far. This group intends to meet on an Ad-Hoc basis going forward. They will report back at a future Grants meeting.

7. Committee discussed the following Grant Applications:
 - a. Discussion and review of Grant applications that have been submitted but no decisions have been made as of the meeting date. No additional action taken:
 - i. Erpenbach reported that Listeman Foundation has funded \$2500 to the City Police Department as requested, and \$17,000 as requested for various projects (Clock Tower repair, steam engine painting, North pavilion roof in Schuster Park and fencing for Listeman Park playground area).
 - b. Grant applications that have been awarded and are in various stages of completion.
 - i. *WI Emergency Management - Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 1.* \$42,000 awarded and received. A FINAL report was submitted in August 2026.
 - ii. *WI Emergency Management - Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 2-* \$82,600 awarded. Jan 2026 reimbursement of \$3,633.74 has been received. February 2026 through July 2026 (\$21,870.25) reimbursement has been filed in August, 2026.
 - iii. WEDC – Community Development Investment Grant – Erpenbach is working with property owners on this CDIG grant - 150 E. Division St. project. Erpenbach will call WEDC to verify timing of claims and reporting.
 - iv. Tourism Room Tax grants to be filed yet: \$1,500 to Beautification and \$500 to Murals Committee.

- c. Discussed other possible City needs and areas for grant funding:
 - i. Erpenbach will work on next Cybersecurity Grant due early October 2026.
 - ii. Next Tree grant is due by 10/01/2026. Friemoth and Clough to work on this application.
 - iii. Heiman is reviewing parks and playground grant opportunities.
 - iv. Erpenbach will work on 2027 Paul Bruhn grant application – Dept of Interior grant for historic buildings / downtown economic development.

8. Old Business – None.

9. New Business –

Discussed Shoup's pending resignation from this Committee as he is moving. Discussed possible person to replace Shoup and thanked him for his years on this Committee.

Discussed programs available from West Central WI Regional Planning Commission and how to communicate this information to residents and City businesses. Discussed Connect Communities / Main Street options. Also discussed a meeting to discuss a possible City Outdoor Recreation / Economic Development Action Plan meeting. No action taken.

10. Motion by Heiman and seconded by Neville to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted



Natalie K Erpenbach, Recording Secretary