

City of Neillsville
Grants Committee - Regular Meeting MINUTES

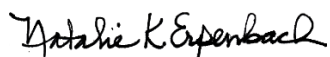
Tuesday, May 21, 2024 - 4:00 pm.

City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

- Meeting called to order by Chair Natalie Erpenbach at 4:00 pm.
- On Roll Call – Present: Deanna Heiman, Natalie Erpenbach, Brent Shoup and Jody Connor. Barb Petkovsek was not present. Quorum deemed present.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Shoup to approve the agenda. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Conner to approve the April 23, 2024, Grants Committee meeting minutes as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Citizen appearances - None
- Discussed grant applications and other financial assistance projects in progress.
 - Erpenbach reported on the quarterly meeting of the Northwest WI Rural Partners Network meeting held virtually on May 2, 2024. An overview of the Federal Agencies who are in the Rural Partners Network and activities happening or in process in our Northwest WI region. A lot of activities and ideas. Next meeting is June 13th in Rothschild WI. Erpenbach is registered to attend.
 - Reviewed communication from the Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation. Several initiatives were highlighted. Heiman will follow up on the **Cybersecurity Grant Opportunity for Wisconsin Communities facing Cybersecurity Risks**. This grant opened May 15th and are due by August 15, 2024. The cost share has been waived for this first round of funding.
 - 2023-5 Erpenbach has spoken with Jessica Brown, Parks & Rec Director and received an update on Listeman Ball Park Revitalization Project. \$20,000 has been received by the Neillsville Youth Baseball nonprofit with a commitment for another \$80,000 over the next four years. Approximately \$35,000 left to raise for the project to be fully funded.
 - 2024-7 Heiman reported on a survey of Neillsville High School Juniors and Sophomores to gauge their interest in learning more about Firefighter training in conjunction with CVTC. Minimal positive feedback at this time. Heiman and Fire Chief Matt Meyer along with Neillsville High School Guidance Counselor, Julia Backaus will consider other informational ideas and repeat the survey of students next school year.
 - All other open Grant requests are open and waiting for additional information or notice of grant being awarded.
 - It would be helpful if City departments could provide an inventory or list of needs with basic specifications so when a grant is announced we are that much further ahead in the grant writing process.
 - Discussed speaking with other communities to learn how they plan / act on grant applications process.

Conner left the meeting at 4:50 pm.

- Community Development Block Grants / City Incentive Applications – None
- Old Business - None
- New Business - None
- Motion by Heiman and second by Shoup to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.



Natalie Erpenbach, Committee Chair