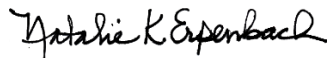


City of Neillsville  
**Grants Committee - Regular Meeting MINUTES**  
Tuesday, August 27, 2024 - 4:00 pm.  
City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

- Meeting called to order by Chair Natalie Erpenbach at 4:00 pm.
- On Roll Call – Present: Deanna Heiman, Natalie Erpenbach, Brent Shoup, Barb Petkovsek. Jody Conner was not 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 the July 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.
  - #2023-7 – Safe Routes to Schools Grant – Awarded & In Process. Erpenbach called Hailee Bushman to discuss the timeframe of scheduled work. There will likely be 4 meetings, and we should be done in 2025. City's match of \$1200 is in Committee's 2025 budget request.
  - #2024-3 – FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant. Notice of Awards began in July 2024. \$336 Million to award and approx. 42 million available yet. Will be done by September 30, 2024. No notice of award to City of Neillsville yet.
  - #2024-4- Defibrillators for City's use. Shoup has drafted a letter to request funds from Listeman Foundation. Erpenbach to review and send to Listeman Foundation.
  - 2024-6 – Historic Preservation grant due Spring of 2025. Erpenbach is working with local videographer to create images to go with written application. In process.
  - 2024-8- Cybersecurity Grant – WI Emergency Management. Grant was submitted 8/15/2024.
  - 2024-10 – Dick's Sporting Good Foundation grant for Listeman Park ball field project. \$50,000 requested – due 9/5/2024. Petkovsek and Erpenbach to complete the application.
  - All other open Grant requests are open and waiting for additional information or notice of grant being awarded.
- Discussed this Committee's request to know each City Department's current needs and long-term projects and capital purchase budget. Erpenbach will try to meet with Department heads to gain a better understanding of their needs and how we can help them and work together.
- Community Development Block Grants / City Incentive Applications – None
- Old Business
  - Discussion held on Cemetery Columbarium options. Erpenbach to discuss the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund with the City Clerk, Finance Committee and Cemetery Commission.
- New Business
  - Discussed Grants Committee 2025 budget request. Requested funds for 2025 are for the match for the Safe Routes to Schools grant (\$1200), staff or committee education and / or grant assistance. Motion by Erpenbach and second by Heiman to request a budget of \$5,000 for 2025. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.

- Discussed a meeting on October 3, 2024, at Clark Electric Cooperative offices in Greenwood at 9:30 am to Noon. The meeting will be with WEDC, WCWRPC, Momentum West & others. RSVP to Clark Co Economic Development Corp. if you plan to attend.
  - No invoices presented to be paid.
  - Erpenbach asked each Committee Member to review the City's current Comprehensive Plan and come to the next meeting to discuss identified City priorities and how those affect the Grants Committee's work going forward.
- Motion by Petkovsek and second by Shoup to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Next meeting of the Grants Committee will be September 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.



Natalie Erpenbach, Committee Chair