

City of Neillsville

MINUTES

Grants Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - 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.
 2. On roll call: Jody Conner, Natalie Erpenbach, Deanna Heiman, Barb Petkovsek and Brent Shoup. All present.

Also present: Hailee Bushman – West Central WI Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) and Chief of Police Jim Mankowski.
 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 April 22, 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 discussion or 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.
 - 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. Hailee Bushman lead discussion. Meetings and work assignments are progressing nicely. Final report will be available later this year. Recommendations for both City and School District to consider. Many recommended items could fall under the new TAP grant funding which pays 80% with a 20% match. Bushman thanked for coming to the meeting to explain this grant's progress and possible recommendations.
 - ii. *WI DOA - Innovation Planning Grant – Phase I* – Petkovsek stated that work was progressing and a report back to City is expected within a few months. Recommendations will be reviewed at that time.
 - 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 and HPC website are on schedule.
- Conner left the meeting at 4:50 pm.*
- 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.
 - ii. *Firehouse Subs Foundation* – Shoup reported what items can be funded. Mankowski discussed items they would appreciate help in securing funding for.
 - iii. *National Endowment of the Arts – Our Town Grant* program – Pektkovsek is reviewing application and requirements.
- d. Discussion on items to possibly request funding for from Listeman Foundation. Mankowski has some requests and will forward to Erpenbach.

7. Old Business – None not already discussed.

8. New Business – None

Next meeting date July 22, 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 5:15 pm.