

City of Neillsville

MINUTES

Grants Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 - 4:00 pm.

City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Erpenbach at 4:15 pm.
2. On roll call:, Natalie Erpenbach, Deanna Heiman, Jody Conner and Brent Shoup. Barb Petkovsek was absent. Quorum present
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 Shoup to approve the minutes of the July 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. We received notification that we did NOT receive the EPA – Rural Economies for Rural Communities Grant. We received a personal email from the EPA grant coordinator, and an invite to a zoom meeting to discuss options for those in the final round that were not awarded the grant. Heiman will attend that meeting.
 - b. Grant applications that have been submitted timely, but no decisions have been made as of the meeting date. No further action taken.
 - i. *FEMA – Assistance to Firefighters Grant* – submitted 12/20/2024
 - ii. *WI Emergency Management - Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 2-* submitted 5/30/2025. Erpenbach stated this application is currently under review but that they are short-staffed, and it will take time to hear back.
 - iii. *National Endowment of the Arts – Our Town Grant* program – Petkovsek had submitted Phase 1 grant application, and we were approved for Phase 2 application. We will hear back in Spring 2026.
 - iv. WEDC – Community Development Investment Grant – Erpenbach submitted the Application for the renovation grant - 150 E. Division St. project. WEDC will review this material by September 15th.
 - c. 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. Heiman states the report is in final stages. Action plans are being worked on, and Hailey Bushman of West Central Regional Planning Commission will likely ask to present findings to City Council in September. Work needs to begin on the next TAP grant due October 31st. Heiman is starting this work.
 - ii. *WI DOA - Innovation Planning Grant – Phase I* – Petkovsek reported to Erpenbach that this grant report has been received and accepted by City Council and they are reviewing recommendations.
 - 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.

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Next meeting date is September 23, 2025, at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

9. Adjournment – Motion by Conner and seconded by Shoup to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Natalie K. Erpenbach

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