

City of Neillsville

MINUTES

Grants Committee - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Erpenbach at 4:10 pm.

On roll call:, Natalie Erpenbach, Deanna Heiman, Jill Neville, and Barb Petkovsek. All members present. Brent Shoup has resigned from the Committee as his family is moving. The Committee expressed deep gratitude to Brent for his commitment to the City and this Committee and he will be missed.

2. A motion was made by Heiman and seconded by Neville to approve the Agenda. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Heiman and seconded by Petkovsek to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2026, Grants Committee Meeting as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
4. Citizen appearances- None.
5. Ad Hoc Technology Committee update - Erpenbach reported the minutes of the September 15, 2026, meeting. Discussion held, no action taken.
6. Housing Loan programs discussed. Committee members Shoup, Jody Conner and Neville met twice to discuss new Housing Loan program being developed. Neville reviewed the material and gave it to Erpenbach. 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. Erpenbach will be added to this group.

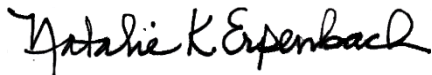
Neville reported that she will be resigning from this Committee with regret. She will forward her letter of resignation later tonight. The group expressed their support for her decision to focus on her work with the School District and thanked her for her efforts.

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. The Beautification / Mural City Room Tax grants will be submitted this week per Petkovsek.
 - b. Grant applications that have been awarded and are in various stages of completion.
 - i. *WI Emergency Management - Cybersecurity Grant Cycle 2-* \$82,600 awarded. The February 2026 through July 2026 (\$21,870.25) reimbursement has been received by the City. Next report is due February of 2027.
 - ii. WEDC – Erpenbach is working with property owners on this CDIG grant.
 - 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 –
 - a. 2027 Budget request was not deemed necessary as funds for this Committee are charged to the Economic Development Committee budget.
 - b. Discussed open Committee positions. Names of possible new committee members should be forwarded to Erpenbach as soon as possible.
- 10. Motion by Heiman and seconded by Petkovsek to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted



Natalie K Erpenbach, Recording Secretary