

**NEVIS CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2023
Nevis Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Nevis City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Assistant Mayor Sue Gray.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Council Members: Sue Gray, Teresa Leshovsky and John Carrier, City Administrator: Dawn Veit, Public Works Director: Don Umthun, Deputy Clerk: Kimberly Wright, Fire Chief: Josh Winter and Deputy: Josh Oswald.

Absent: Mayor: Jeanne Thompson, Blair Reuther

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA: Motion by John Carrier, second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously carried to approve the regular agenda with the following changes:

- Add: 3.5 Public Works – Don Umthun
- Add:3.5 a. Update: Skate Park – Teresa Leshovsky

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Teresa Leshovsky, second by John Carrier and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

VI. Public Comments:

John Halberg presented the council with concerns about The Nevis Municipal Liquor Store signage. John would like to donate a beer bottle sign to the Muni. The council will discuss the issue.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Police Department: Deputy Josh Oswald
Josh gave his January report for the City of Nevis
2. Fire Department – Chief Josh Winter
 - b. Maintenance or Repairs: Josh bought a new desk and cabinets for the office. He has taken some time to clean and organize it.
 - c. Fire/Medical Calls: The calls have been quiet. The annual Fire Contract Meeting was last month. The City and Townships have agreed to start charging residents for calls. Fire and car accidents calls will be charged \$500.00 each. An ordinance will have to be created to enact this charge. A Fire Department Committee meeting will be set to talk about this issue.
 - c. Annual service for Jaws of Life: Josh presented the council with a quote for the Jaws of Life to have annual repair and maintenance done. Quote: Genesis Rescue Systems Service – Annual service charge of \$600.00 and mobile service fee of no more than \$120.00 for the Jaws of Life. The council discussed the quote.

Motion by Teresa Leshovsky, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved to accept Genesis Rescue Systems Service – Annual service charge of \$600.00 and mobile service fee of no more than \$120.00 for the Jaws of Life.

d. Mini Split A/C unit: Josh presented the council with 4 quotes for an A/C system to be installed in the Fire Hall. Teresa asked Josh to bring in written quotes for the city council. The council would like Josh to discuss this issue with Don Umthun Public Works Supervisor.

e. Josh asked the council to reapprove upping the fire fighters' retirement amount from \$1,700.00 to \$2,600.00.

Motion by Sue Gray, second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously approve to up the fire fighters' retirement from \$1,700.00 to \$2,600.00.

3. Planning and Zoning – Dawn Veit
Nothing at this time.

3.5 Public Works – Don Umthun

a. Update: Skate Park – Teresa Leshovsky

Council Member Leshovsky read a report updating the council on the Skate Park Meeting that was held in January. The next Skate Park Committee will be February 15, 2023.

b. Don updated the council on a new truck for public works. The price quoted is \$49,000.00. The council discussed this and would like Don to look into avenues of a new truck.

c. Don is looking into getting bids for replacing the water meters.

4. Liquor Store – Manager, Cindy Paulsen

a. Staffing: Cindy is bartending every Friday. The Muni is down one cleaning person, due to medical leave, however, someone is filling in for the time being.

Responsible Beverage Server Training is schooled for Thursday, February 23, 2023 at the Frank White Education Center in Park Rapids 5 – 6:30p.m. Pull Tab training to be determined.

b. Maintenance and Repairs: The new pull booth will be installed February 14, 2023.

Cindy presented the council with 3 quotes to replace lighting in the Muni.

Quote 1: Northern Pines Plumbing, Heating and Electric \$2,875.00

Quote 2: Hansen's Electric Inc. \$1,315.00

Quote 3: Avenson Electric Inc. \$1,592.21

Motion by Teresa Leshovsky, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved Quote 2: Hansen's Electric Inc. \$1,315.00 to replace lighting in Muni.

Cindy is looking into getting bids to get the lights in the beer cooler fixed. Terminated *PureMist* contract. Hillbilly Karaoke will perform once a month. Elvis has been booked for July 8th, and August 5th. Looking for bands for Muskie Days. Will be having a tasting on March 13th.

Cindy would like the council to consider extending Sunday hours on of operation for special occasions and in summer.

c. Needs : Security Proposal – Cindy would like to add a fire monitoring system to the Muni at the Fire Chief’s request. Quote People’s Security Company \$6,311.88. The money will have to be pulled from saving to pay the \$6,311.88.

Motion by Sue Gray, second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously approved to add a fire monitoring system to the Muni at the Fire Chief’s request. Quote People’s Security Company \$6,311.88 and pull the funds form the savings account to pay.

5. Administration – Dawn Veit

a. Liability Coverage Wavier Form

Motion by Sue Gray, second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously approved to not waive the statutory tort limit (an individual claimant could recover no more than \$500,000.00 on any claim to which the statutory tort limits apply).

Motion to Adjourn by John Carrier second by Teresa Leshovsky, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kimberly Wright, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED