

NEVIS CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
March 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 Mayor Jeanne Thompson.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Mayor: Jeanne Thompson, Council Members: Blair Reuther, Sue Gray, Teresa Leshovsky and John Carrier, City Administrator: Dawn Veit, Deputy Clerk: Kimberly Wright and Fire Chief: Josh Winters.
Absent: Public Works Director: Don Umthun.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA: Motion by Sue Gray, second by John Carrier and unanimously carried to approve the regular agenda.

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

VI. Public Comments:

- a. Crystal Mathisrud – Request for General Letter of Support for Community Food Forest Pilot Program

Crystal Mathisrud was unavailable. Mayor Thompson read the email Crystal sent to the council. Crystal is asking for a letter of support for Community Food Forest Pilot Program. The council decided to write a letter of support and Sue Gray will write the letter.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson and second by Sue Gray and unanimously carried to approve a letter of Support for Community Food Forest Pilot Program and Sue Gray to write support letter.

Old Business:

- a. World's Biggest Beer Bottle for the Municipal Liquor Store

Sue Gray thanked John Halberg for his offer of the World's Biggest Beer Bottle, but the council will have to decline the offer at this time.

Motion by Sue Gray and second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously approved to decline the offer of the World's Biggest Beer Bottle for the Municipal Liquor Store.

- b. Josh Winter asked the council to consider a light be added at the sledding hill. Power and a pole would need to be installed. The Fire Relief is willing to fund the light pole and power installation. Jeanne would Josh to talk with Don Umthun about this.

Motion by Sue Gray and second by Jeanne Thompson for more in formation and cost for a light to be added at the sledding hill.

- c. John Halberg withdrew his offer of help to the city.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Police Department: Deputy Josh Oswald

Josh gave his February report for the City of Nevis

2. Fire Department – Chief Josh Winter

a. Josh informed the council the 1st Response Truck the council approved was delivered March 7, 2023. April 3rd it will go in and lights installed on it. Josh will order the box for the back and have that installed with lights on the box. The Fire Department thanked the council for approving the 1st response truck.

b. Josh ordered the battery powered tools that the council approved.

c. Josh would like to put a thank you in the newspaper for the Nevis Fire Department for driving their own vehicles to a call out and plowing the driveway. These actions allowed the fire trucks and rescue vehicles to access the residents. The council thanked the Nevis Fire Department for the amazing job and going the extra mile to plow.

d. Josh would like the council to think about selling the ambulance that was bought and only used once or twice since it's purchase. The council asked why it was bought. It was bought for as recovery vehicle for ice water rescue. Josh says it takes up space in the fire hall and is not used. Akeley may want it. Josh asked if we could sell it for the price it was bought. The council decided if the ambulance can be sold to Akeley for the price it was bought that would be acceptable.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson and second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously carried to approved to sell the ambulance.

3. Planning and Zoning – Dawn Veit

a. Ordinance #36, Planning and Zoning – amendment

- Adding section #96: Regulating Mobile Food Units within the City

The council discussed the amendment. Blair will abstain from voting since his wife has a mobile food unit.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson second by Sue Gray, yes: Teresa Leshovsky, and John Carrier, abstain: Blair Reuther to approve adding section #96: Regulating Mobile Food Units within the City

d. Approving application for Mobile Food Units with fees

The council discussed the application with fees.

Motion by Sue Gray and second by Teresa Leshovsky, yes : Jeanne Thompson, and John Carrier, abstain: Blair Reuther to approve the application for Mobile Food Unit with fees.

4. Liquor Store – Manager, Cindy Paulsen

a. Staffing: We have a monthly staff meeting. Molly has been released to work. All bar tenders have their Responsible Beverage Server Training Certificates. May interview a few people for part-time bar tenders. Pull Tab training has yet to be determined.

A meeting with the Fire Relief is needed to talk about the bar boxes.

b. Summer Events: Bands and BBQ are scheduled.

5. Administration – Dawn Veit

Proposed Ordinance No. 55, "Ordinance Establishing Fees for Emergency Protection Fire Services for Property Within the City and Under Fire Service Contracts.

The City and Townships met and agreed they would like to establish fees for emergency services. The council agreed the Ordinance should be established and enacted on May 1, 2023.

Motion by Blair Reuther second by Jeanne Thompson and unanimously carried to approve Ordinance No. 55, "Ordinance Establishing Fees for Emergency Protection Fire Services for Property Within the City and Under Fire Service Contracts enacted on May 1, 2023.

6. Public Works – Don Umthun (not available)

Nothing at this time.

Motion to Adjourn by Jeanne Thompson, second by Blair Reuther, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kimberly Wright, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED