

NEVIS CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2024
Nevis City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Assistant Mayor Sue Gray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Councilors: John Carrier, Blair Reuther, and Sue Gray, Public Works Director: Don Umthun, Deputy Clerk: Kimberly Wright, Deputy Josh Oswald, Fire Chief: Josh Winter, and Interim Liquor Store Manager: Kay Moen and Emily Krenik.

Absent: Mayor Jeanne Thompson, Councilors: Teresa Leshovsky, Dawn Veit, Administrator

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA: Motion by Blair Reuther second by John Carrier and unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by John Carrier, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

John Halberg brought concerns for the liquor store to the attention of the council.

Don Delisi has concerns about Village Road: no shoulder, speeding, large (semi) trucks driving on it using the road as a shortcut through town. Don believes the traffic on the road is unsafe for the neighborhood.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Planning and Zoning – Sue Gray**
Nothing at this time.

2. **Police Department – Deputy Josh Oswald**
a. March Police Report for the City of Nevis

Deputy Oswald presented the council with an updated police report. The Council thanked him for it. The Easter Egg hunt went well and was huge this year.

Josh let the council know that there will be a Military funeral on April 12, 2024 at Cease Funeral Home at 1pm.

3. **Liquor Store – Kay Moen**

a. Events: Kay presented the council with Bands and BBQ, and Muskie Days bands and dates:

Bands and BBQ:

Date: July 13, 2024

Bands: Paradigm: \$600.00, In Stereo: \$500.00 for a total of \$1100.00

Muskie Days;

Dates: July 19 & 20, 2024

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Motion by Blair Ruether, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved:

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b. Check cashing policy

Kay asked the council if they would allow customers to write up to 2 - \$75.00 checks per day and to allow employees to write checks only for the amount of the purchase at the Nevis Municipal Liquor Store. The council discussed this.

Motion by John Carrier, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved to allow customers to write up to 2 - \$75.00 checks per day and to allow employees to write checks only for the amount of the purchase at the Nevis Municipal Liquor Store.

POS – Kay informed the council that RDS’s on-sale system would work but the off-sale side would not. She also let them know that there will be another demonstration from a different company on Tuesday.

Kay asked the council to consider adding the MN lotto to the liquor store.

Liquor Store Committee Meeting set for April 17, 2024 with these topics: Mn lotto, POS systems, manager job description, check cashing policy, projects, beer gardens and others topics

4. **Fire Department – Josh Winter**

a. Old Business: Job descriptions: (see attachment) Fire Chief Winter presented the council with job descriptions for his assistants. The council discussed these descriptions.

Motion by Blair Reuther, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved Fire Chief Assistants’ Job Description adding to each description: provide redundancy when the fire chief is not available.

Josh let the council know that the Fire Relief Association will not be holding a pancake breakfast this year during Bands & BBQ. They will be holding an open house during the day and serving hamburgers and fries. Muskie Days the fire department will have water wars.

Chief Winter is going to let Eagle Scouts from the area to do some of the leg work on the landing zone for scout credits. He informed the council that fires calls are up.

Josh will bring amounts for changing the 1st response vehicle into a brush truck next month. He thinks gaming could pay for most of the costs.

5. **Public Works – Don Umthun**

Hydrant flushing dates: April 22-24, 2024

The City Brush Dump is still closed and he will let the city office know when it’s open.

The beach project permit is approved, but the work can’t start until June because of fish spawning. Don will ask Flying W for a quote to fix the 12 – 15-foot area. The Flying W is the company that built it and fixed it the last time.

Don addressed the Village Road question. He said every 5 years the City works with the county to fix roads and he will look at Village Road as a possible road to be fixed next year. It will be up to the city council to decide when it gets fixed or how it gets fixed.

6. **Administration – (Sue Gray)**

a. League of MN Cities Insurance Trust Renewal – Brian Hein with First National Insurance Services.

Motion by Sue Gray, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved.

b. Resolution 2024-05, Authorizing Sponsorship of Trails Operated by Nevis TrailBlazers Snowmobile club. The Grant contract was approved by the Nevis City Council at its November 2023 council meeting.

Motion by John Carrier, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved.

c. Ordinance 53 “Rental Ordinance”, draft changes made. (Jeanne, Sue) Changes would be highlighted in yellow, while red lettering would be taken out, along with the removal of the Rental Agreement for Crime.

Motion by John Carrier, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved to table it until next month.

d. Liquor Store:

 Lift Report – Widseth

Motion by Blair Reuther, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved to table until the Liquor Store Committee meeting April 17, 2024.

 Advertising for new Manager: Salary range, Job Description (updates?)

Motion by John Carrier, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved to table until the Liquor Store Committee Meeting April 17, 2024.

e. Personnel Policy – Revisions from the City Attorney.

Motion by sue Gray, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved to table until next month.

Old Business:

a. Lindow Property: Sue Gray read the report. Sue asked if the city should call it even or bill her. Blair asked for an agreement with Karrin Lindow releasing her from the debt, find out what the city liability would be for that, and ask Karrin to come to next month’s meeting.

Motion by Blair Reuther, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved to table until next month.

Motion to adjourn by John Carrier second by Sue Gray and unanimously approved.

Minutes Submitted by: Kimberly Wright, Deputy Clerk