

**NEVIS CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2023
Nevis Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER: The Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 56 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, Public Works Director: Don Umthun, Liquor Store Manager: Cynthia Paulsen, Fire Chief: Josh Winters, and Deputy Josh Oswald

1. Public Hearing/Public Comments – Ordinance No. 56 *“AN INTERIM ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STUDY AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEVIS, MINNESOTA”*

Mayor Thompson asked if there was any public comment concerning Ordinance No. 56. No public comment was made.

2. Adjourning the Public Hearing.

Motion by Teresa Leshovsky, second by John Carrier and unanimously carried to approve adjourning the Public Hearing.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA: Motion by Sue Gary, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously carried to approve the regular agenda with additions:

Administration: f). Amplifying equipment – Nevis C & C, g). Ordinance regarding Arvig Communications.
Public Works: b). Sewer: City/Township easement for Lift Station #2.

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

Public Comments:

Nothing at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Administration – Dawn Veit**

- a. Ordinance No. 56 *“AN INTERIM ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STUDY AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEVIS, MINNESOTA”*

Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously carried to approve Ordinance No. 56 “AN INTERIM ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STUDY AND

IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEVIS, MINNESOTA

- b. Resolution NO. 2023-07, *a Resolution Approving Summary Publication of an Ordinance Authorizing a Study and Imposing a Moratorium on the Operation of Cannabis Businesses. -Summary Publication*
Motion by Teresa Leshovsky, second by Sue Gray and unanimously carried to approve Resolution NO. 2023-07, a Resolution Approving Summary Publication of an Ordinance Authorizing a Study and Imposing a Moratorium on the Operation of Cannabis Businesses. -Summary Publication
- c. DNR Lease – Muskie Park, Renewal
Motion by Mayor Thompson second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously carried to approve the updated DNR Lease, and payment. Veit to prepare and send.
- d. Personnel Policy, Article 10: adding language after each paragraph.
Motion by Sue Gray, second by Jeanne Tompson and unanimously carried to approve Personnel Policy, Article 10: adding language after each paragraph.
- e. Muskie Days Parade
Blair Reuther will use his Camaro in the parade. All council members will attend the parade.
- f. Amplifying equipment – Nevis C & C
The council discussed the 1:30 a.m. time extension. They decided to allow the amplifying equipment for the Nevis C & C until 1:00 a.m.
Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously carried to approve to allow the amplifying equipment for the Nevis C & C until 1:00 a.m.
- g. Arvig Communications;
Council member Reuther would like to add this Ordinance to next month’s agenda.

2. Fire Department – Chief Josh Winter

Maintenance and Repairs: The new truck has been stickered and is awaiting the new box. Josh is still working on the helipad. Don has talked to the farmer who leases the land. The lease is fine with allowing an acre of land for the helipad. If a new contract has to be drawn up that is acceptable also.

Water Wars: Muskie Days 21-22 at 1:30 p.m., sign up sheet is at Muskie Waters, teams are 4 persons, no cost, no awards.

There will be a pancake breakfast on the 23 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

3. Police Department – Deputy Josh Oswald

Deputy Oswald read the June police report.

4th of July fireworks on the lake went well.

Bands & BBQ received no complaints. The Hubbard County Posse did a great job.

Muskie Days Street Closure: Josh requested Bunyan Trails Drive from Pleasant Street to County Highway 18 East and Main Street West from Bunyan Trails Drive to the Post Office driveway be closed for activities during Muskie Days.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson second by Sue Gray and unanimously Carried to approve Bunyan Trails Drive from Pleasant Street to County Highway 18 East and Main Street West from Bunyan Trails Drive to the Post Office driveway be closed for activities during Muskie Days.

Deputy Oswald has received some complaints regarding vehicles parking in the yellow area of Main Street West. This area is a no parking area. Josh would like to add veterans parking in that area during the summer. The council would like to obtain 2 veterans parking signs for Main Street West. Council member Leshovksy has agreed to obtain the 2 veterans parking signs.

Motion by Blair Reuther, second by Jeanne Thompson and unanimously carried to approve to obtain 2 veterans parking signs for Main Street West.

4. Public Works – Don Umthun

a. Water: Water meter project is on schedule.

b. Sewer: City/Township easement for Lift Station #2: The City of Nevis and Nevis Township would like the Council to approve the driveway that Blair Reuther would like to put in on Lift Station # 2's access in Nevis Township. Nevis Township will also approve this driveway in their meeting.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Sue Gray, Teresa Leshovsky – yes, John Carrier – yes, Blair Reuther – abstain to approve the driveway that Blair Reuther would like to put in on Lift Station # 2's access in Nevis Township.

c. Streets: Arvig is in town installing fiber cable to residents

d. Parks: Nothing at this time

The City generator will be used for Muskie Days.

5. Liquor Store – Manager, Cindy Paulsen

Cindy has interviewed 3 people for positions at the Liquor Store. She thanked her staff for all the hard they have been doing.

THC Seltzers: Cindy has removed THC Seltzers from the shelves at the liquor store. The insurance will not cover the store and the credit card company will not process credit cards if the liquor sells THC Seltzers. The 2 companies will reconsider their position once the Cannabis Bill is complete. Cindy would like the Council to approve the removal of the THC Seltzers from the liquor stores shelves until the insurance company will ensure the store and the credit card company will process payment with the THC Seltzers on the shelves.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Sue Gray and unanimously carried to approve the removal of the THC Seltzers from the liquor stores shelves until the insurance company will ensure the store and the credit card company will process payment with the THC Seltzers on the shelves.

POS System: Adam (salesman) will try to come up with a solution for the credit card processing company within 30 days.

6. Planning and Zoning – nothing at time

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kimberly Wright, Deputy Clerk