

NEVIS CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2023
Nevis City Council Chambers

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Jeanne Thompson, Councilors: John Carrier, Teresa Leshovsky, Blair Reuther and Sue Gray, City Administrator: Dawn Veit, Public Works Director: Don Umthun, Fire Chief: Josh Winter and Deputy Josh Oswald.

Absent: Liquor Store Manager: Cynthia Paulsen and Deputy Clerk: Kimberly Wright.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA: Motion by John Carrier, second by Sue Gray, unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Teresa Leshovsky, second by Blair Reuther, unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

John Halberg read his concerns for the Nevis Municipal Liquor Store. Mayor Thompson thanked him.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Administration – Dawn Veit
 - a. Resolution 2023-08, “Adopting the 2024 Preliminary General Fund Budget and Levy for the City of Nevis”.
Motion by Sue Gray, second by Jeanne Thompson and unanimously approved.
 - b. The new Water Meter Project is complete. With the new meters, they will be 100% accurate, so residents may notice an increase in their water consumption with their monthly billing.
 - c. New Cannabis Law and Public Usage. The City Staff had some questions about where a person may use (smoke) cannabis within the city owned spaces and buildings.
Motion by Jeanne Thompson to Prohibit all Cannabis Use on City Owned Property, (Nevis Liquor Store, City Administration Building, Public Works and Fire Hall Building and all City owned Parks) second by Sue Gray and unanimously approved.
 - d. Ordinance #21. Regarding ARVIG Communication. Upon looking through the Ordinance, it was discovered that this Ordinance expired in 2016. The council asked to have this Ordinance Repealed.
2. Fire Department – Josh Winter
 - a. First Responder: the box for the new truck is here, we will get it installed and put into service soon.
 - b. Liquor Manager; Cindy had a concern that the Water Wars tournament was too close to the stage and may get it wet. Josh assured everyone that no water would go that far.
 - c. Pancake Breakfast: it went well, the turnout was a little smaller this year than in the past.
 - d. Chris Norton has retired from the Nevis Fire Department.
 - e. I am still putting together numbers for the landing pad.
3. Police Report – Josh Oswald
 - a. There will be a Speed Trailer set up in town, I have received a few complaints of speeding.
 - b. Muskie Days went smoothly.
 - c. Hubbard County Posse was here for the events and did a fantastic job.

d. Just getting ready for the beginning of school year.

4. Public Works – Don Umthun

- a. DNR ADA requirements. The crushed concrete has been placed and the project will be complete shortly to meet the requirements for the DNR.
- b. The water project went pretty smooth, and we repaired quite a few connections.
- c. Wild Tiger Skate Park Committee: Ryan Mathisrud and Heidi Gustafson presented a packet to the council with all of their meeting minutes, a survey, emails from other cities, grant opportunities, funding, location requests and cost projections. They are requesting a 12,000 square foot area for the site in order to apply for the Grant. The current costs are approximately \$1,000,000.00. They will be seeking private funding and grants to secure the funds. Tonight, they are seeking approval to move forward, then next steps are:
 - Design (outside consultant)
 - Council approval of design,
 - Council approved grants,
 - Council to award the contracts.

Questions: When will this project be complete: Most likely ground breaking will not be sooner than 24 months.

What is the life span of a skate park: approximately 20-30 years with very little maintenance.

How will this affect our property taxes: Not sure at this time.

Motion by Blair Reuther to approved Resolution 2023-09, “A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Nevis, MN Supporting the Development and Construction of a Skatepark in the City of Nevis”, second by Teresa Leshovsky and unanimously approved.

5. Liquor Store – Cynthia Paulsen (not available)

- a. Elvis: the response has been very positive for this performer; they would like to have him back to do a Christmas show on December 9th at 5:00pm. She is asking for permission for this expense of \$650.00.

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

- b. The Marine Corp Cookoff is scheduled for September 9th and Cindy is requesting a budget for \$1500.00 for items such as: Trophies, Entertainment and Advertising.

Motin by Jeanne Thompson, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved.

- c. POS System. Cindy has asked the city council if we could please put this project on hold. We have not received our second quote for a Bar system from Adam Feddick from RDS, they actually scheduled an install for today without notifying Cindy. This is not a good time of year to do a major programming upgrade. Please vote to put this on hold.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson to table a POS System upgrade and installation until December 2023, second by Blair Reuther, and unanimously approved.

- d. MMBA (Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association). Cindy is asking for someone to attend with her for the October 4th meeting in Bagley Minnesota.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson to allow Cindy to attend this meeting, second by Sue Gray and unanimously approved.

6. Planning and Zoning – Dawn Veit

Nothing at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Teresa Leshovsky, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved.

Minutes Submitted by: Dawn Veit, City Administrator

approved