

NEVIS CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 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, Blair Reuther and Sue Gray, City Administrator: Dawn Veit, Liquor Store Manager: Cynthia Paulsen and Deputy Clerk: Kimberly Wright Public Works Director: Don Umthun, and Deputy Josh Oswald.

Absent: Councilor: Teresa Leshovsky, and Fire Chief: Josh Winter.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA: Motion by Sue Gray, second by Blair Ruether, unanimously approved with the change; move Liquor Store to number 2.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by John carrier, unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

Sue Gray spoke as a resident. She was upset about a flag flown at the Marine Corp BBQ.

John Halberg read his concerns for the Nevis Municipal Liquor Store.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Administration – Dawn Veit
 - a. Intoxicating Liquor License: New Owner of “Tavern 203”, Jessa Guggisberg.

Tavern 203 will serve the type of menu and open for lunch and dinner with breakfast on the weekends.

Motion by Sue Gray, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved.
 - b. Citizen Complaint – Iron Horse for noise

The complaint was against the volume/decibel level of the music late at night. The council discussed this issue and would like the City to:

 1. Talk to the Iron Horse about lowering the volume of music during these times.
 2. Put the dates these events will happen after 1 am on the city website.
 3. Find out what Hubbard County has for a cut off time for events late at night.
 - c. POS System for the Liquor Store. (Cindy not available)

In meeting with Cindy and going through the needs of the liquor store, she agrees that there may be other systems that the city could use, do the same thing at a smaller price. In the initial meeting with Adam, Jeanne, Blair and myself we were under the understanding that both the On-sale system and Off-Sale system would communicate to help with spreadsheets and keeping better track of product. We found out that these two systems in fact, do not communicate with each other so therefore isn't much better than the system we have in place now. Dawn and Cindy would like the council to approve termination of the contract with RDS and approval for Cindy to look for other options for a POS system for the liquor store.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Sue Gray an unanimously approved to have the City Administrator and City attorney start termination processing with RDS and Cindy to look for a new POS system for the liquor store.

d. Ordinance # 53 – Rental Units – Sue Gray

Councilor Gray let the council know that Ordinance #53 was tabled and has not been looked at again. Mayor Thompson has asked for volunteers to be on the committee. Dawn, Jeanne Thompson, and a planning commission member will be on the committee. The issues that need to be addressed:

1. How often inspections should happen
2. Fees and fines
3. Criminal sheet

2. Liquor Store – Cynthia Paulsen

a. Staffing update: Cindy would like to make 2 of her part-timers' full timers. She has advertised for bartenders and no one is applying. She would like to open at 12:00 pm on Sundays instead of 11:00am in the off sale, this way both areas open at the same time. The council would like to see profit and loss reports on Sundays and the cost of adding 2 full time employees before making a decision. Cindy will get those reports for the council. Liquor Store committee meetings will start next month.

b. Maintenance: Cindy is working on the issue of the hoist in the liquor store.

c. General Business: Off-Sale August gross sales: \$58,498.58, On-Sale August gross sales: \$60,347.75. July Bands & BBQ raised \$3,279.66 for the Fire Relief Association's Sunshine Fund.

During Vikings Games if customers are wearing purple pride colors, or the Vikings' NFL logo their drinks are \$1 off.

Marine Corp Cook-Off had 11 BBQ cooks and 11 Bag Tournament teams.

The Liquor Store has sold 50% of the apparel that was purchased early this year. Cindy would like to order a \$1,000.00 of merchandise for fall.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved to order \$1,000.00 of merchandise for fall.

The 2023 MMBA Regional Meeting is October 4, 2023. Cindy would like permission to attend and has invited Council Members, and City Administrator to join her.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved Cindy and one Council Member/City Administrator to attend the 2023 MMBA Regional Meeting is October 4, 2023.

3. Planning and Zoning – Sue Gary

a. Alley on Miller Street (clearing trees)

Councilor Gray presented the council with the issue of clearing trees on the alley on Miller Street. The alley is not developed. The Council discussed the issue and decided to:

1. have Councilor Reuther look for surveys done on the properties on each side of the alley
2. remove the trees if the council decides to do that
3. contact the attorney if the council decides to have the alley cleared

The council asked for the issue to be on next month's agenda.

b. 708 Main Street West – Georgette Rogers

Councilor Gray explained that 708 Main Street West has several zoning and ordinance violations. The planning commission has sent letters and no one responses. The water was shut off to the property for nonpayment over a year ago. There is a pvc pipe coming out of a window; is the pipe pumping water into the house or out of it. The council discussed and decided to have Deputy Oswald find out anything he

could about Georgette or the property and Administrator Veit reach out to the city attorney about this issue.

Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Blair Reuther and unanimously approved to have Deputy Oswald find out anything he could about Georgette or the property and Administrator Veit reach out to the city attorney about this issue.

4. Fire Department – Josh Winter (not available)

a. Maintenance or Repairs:

b. Fire runs/Medical calls:

Mayor Thompson thanked the fire department and Sheriff's Department for all their hard work.

5. Police Report – Josh Oswald

Deputy Oswald read the August police report.

6. Public Works – Don Umthun

a. Water: Hydrant Flushing will be October 17-19, 2023

b. Sewer: quote

Don presented the council with a bid from Minnesota Pump Works for a replacement lift station pump: \$16,989.25. Don explained that this pump is the same as the pump in lift station #1 and if we run into a problem with one of the pumps, we can switch them around if need be. The funds will come from the Sanitation Fund

Motion by Sue Gray, second by Jeanne Thompson and unanimously approved a bid from Minnesota Pump Works for a replacement lift station pump: \$16,989.25.

c. Streets: nothing at this time

d. Parks: Richard from Flying W looked at the retaining wall at Halverson Beach and will come up with a recommendation for fixing the wall. This winter Don will keep a trail/road clear for snowmobilers and have sand brought down to the beach. Don will have a quote next month.

Motion to adjourn by Jeanne Thompson, second by John Carrier and unanimously approved.

Minutes Submitted by: Kimberly Wright, Deputy Clerk