

**NEVIS CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 10, 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, Teresa Leshovsky, and Sue Gray, City Administrator: Dawn Veit, Liquor Store Manager: Cynthia Paulsen and Deputy Clerk: Kimberly Wright, Fire Chief: Josh Winter, and Deputy Josh Oswald.

**Absent:** Public Works Director: Don Umthun.

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA:** Motion by Sue Gray, second by Teresa Leshovsky, unanimously approved with the addition:

Administration: c. Park Rapids Amateur Hockey Association Gambling Licenses at: Iron Horse Bar and Grill, Tavern 203, and Bullwinkle's on 34.

Liquor Store: d. Financial Commission

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

**Public Comments:**

John Halberg expressed his continuing concerns for the Nevis Municipal Liquor Store.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

1. **Administration – Dawn Veit**

a. Heartland Lakes Development Commission

Unavailable for meeting.

b. 2024-26 Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

**Motion by Sue Gray , second by Jeanne Thompson and unanimously approved.**

c. Park Rapids Amateur Hockey Association Gambling Licenses at: Iron Horse Bar and Grill, Tavern 203, and Bullwinkle's on 34.

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

2. **Planning and Zoning – Sue Gary**

a. Zoning Amendment: see attachments

Councilor Gray presented the council with Zoning Amendments to Ordinance #36:

1. Adding Division 97 " RV Parks Within the City of Nevis"

**Motion by Blair Reuther, second by Jeanne Thompson and Unanimously approved.**

2. Removing Daisy Lake from our Zoning Ordinance. The DNR has reclassified this Lake and it is no longer a Protected Waters, Wetland.

**Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Blair Reuther unanimously approved.**

3. Add the wording "RV Parks" to Division 40, Section 40-030

**Motin by Jeanne Thompson, second by Teresa Leshovsky unanimously approved.**

4. Add the Wording "RV Parks" to Division 50, Section 50-030

**Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Teresa Leshovsky unanimously approved.**

5. Removing Section 25-090, #4 Boardwalks

**Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Teresa Leshovsky unanimously approved.**

Councilor Gray brought a property to the attention of the council. This property has been an issue for the Planning Commission for 3 years. This property has multiple zoning and ordinance violations. Councilor Gray asked the council for a Public Hearing for this property. The City Council set the Public Hearing for Oct 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Sue Gray, with John Carrier and Teresa Leshovsky voting yes, Blair Reuther voting no, motion carried.**

**3. Fire Department – Josh Winter**

a. Maintenance or Repairs: Josh will talk to Don Umthun about the land survey for the Fire Hall and possible building plans. Josh let the council know new chairs were bought for the Fire Hall.

b. Fire runs/Medical calls: The Fire department had a few fire calls and medical calls have been busy. The fire Department had Auto Extraction training using the jaws of life.

c. Fire Relief Association Presentation: PERA (Public Retirement Association):

Emily Whitaker and Alicia Podoll asked the council if they would approve the Fire Relief Association to change their retirement to PERA and have a resolution declaring the change. The council discussed this.

**Motion by Blair Reuther, second by Jeanne Thompson unanimously approved to approve the Fire Relief Association to change their retirement to PERA and have a resolution declaring the change.**

**4. Police Report – Josh Oswald**

Deputy Oswald read the September Police Report. He thanked the council for passing the Law Enforcement Agreement.

Deputy Oswald asked the council if the “no parking” area on the corner of Pleasant St W and Bunyan Trails Drive be increased in length.

**Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Teresa Leshovsky unanimously approved the no parking area on the corner of Pleasant St W and Bunyan Trails Drive be increased in length.**

**5. Public Works – Don Umthun (N/A)**

**6. Liquor Store – Cynthia Paulsen**

a. Staffing update: Cindy would like to add 2 full time bartending positions.

**Motion by Jeanne Thompson, second by Teresa Leshovsky unanimously approved to add 2 full time bartending positions.**

b. Maintenance: Russ is working on caulking the building. Cindy thanked Jim Krause for the donation of the fall decorations.

c. General Business: Inventory was completed on October 1, 2023. Cindy thanked Ryan & Emily for donating the left over kegs to be sold at a discounted rate.

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

d. Financial Commission Review: Councilor Reuther asked that a financial commission be created to review financial issues. The council discussed this and would like to all be available for this discussion. The meeting for this will be held on October 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Minutes Submitted by: Kimberly Wright, Deputy Clerk