



City of Nelson
Council Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2025 @ 7:00pm
Nelson City Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sylvia Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance

The following persons were present: Mayor Sylvia Green, Councilman Nathan Hamby, Councilman William Taylor, Councilwoman Kristeen MacNeill, Councilwoman Elisa Marathas, City Clerk Kelsey Riehl, City Finance Manager Miranda McDowell and City Attorney Jeff Rusbridge.

2. Invocation

Mayor Green led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Nathan Hamby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Approval

Mrs. Elisa Marathas made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

5. Public Appearance

Mrs. Barbara Tilley and Mrs. Cindy Post asked about the speed bumps currently located in Laurel Lake and stated the HOA was sending out questionnaires to residents to see if they would like to keep them or have them removed. Mayor Green stated they could remit the responses to the city but the city owns the roads inside the neighborhood and will make a decision based on safety concerns for all residents of Laurel Lake.

6. Public Hearing – Millage Rate – Pickens side

Mayor Green opened the public hearing for the Millage Rate, no one wished to comment, Mayor Green closed the public hearing.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. September 29, 2025 – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the 9/29/25 minutes, Seconded by Mrs. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

8. Department Reports

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., Lt. Anderson stated there was nothing to report.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green stated she didn't have anything to report.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over where the city stands with the FY26 budget.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Millage Rate – Pickens side of Nelson (0.903 proposed rate) – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the 0.903 millage rate for the Pickens side of Nelson, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. Maintenance Supervisor Position – Mayor Green asked the Council if they reviewed the job description since the last meeting. Mr. William Taylor noticed a typo and stated the supervisory and management responsibilities needed to be updated to state the supervisor will be responsible for the supervision of other maintenance employees. Mrs. Kelsey Riehl asked that the department name be changed from Maintenance to Public Works since most other cities have transitioned to this name. The Council and Mayor agreed. The Council gave approval to run the help wanted ad in the local newspapers to start the hiring process.

c. LMIG & LMIG Supplement Approval 2024, 2025, 2026 – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated she dropped the ball having the Council approve the LMIG funds and she would like the Council to approve the LMIG & LMIG Supplements from 2024, 2025, & 2026. She stated the supplements do not have a match requirement but the regular LMIG funds require a 30% match. The funds will be used for the current infrastructure project on Cherokee Ave and Hillside St. Total funds received \$116,907.20 with a match requirement of \$19,650.57. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the LMIG & LMIG Supplement funds from 2024, 2025 & 2026, Seconded by Mrs. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

d. Comcast ROW Agreement – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated Comcast has requested a 10 yr agreement for the use of the city ROW. Currently Comcast does not provide service to Nelson residents so the linear foot fee will be \$0.19, if Comcast chooses to provide service to Nelson residents the lineal foot fee will drop to \$0.05. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the agreement with Comcast for the use of the ROW, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

e. Park Project Bid Approval (Revised) – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the county needed the bid approval revised from the approval on Sept 29th. This request was made because the original approval included \$120k of items the city would like to have removed from the bid but the bid docs stated the award would be based on either the base bid or the base bid plus additional items. So the bid will need to be awarded then a change order can be issued prior to the notice to proceed to remove the items the city will handle on their own. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the base bid from TriScapes LLC, for \$1,597,790.77, Seconded by Mrs. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

10. New Business- None

11. Executive Session – N/A

12. Adjourn

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by _____