



**City of Nelson**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
November 10, 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 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**

None

**6. Public Hearing – Variance & Annexation / Rezoning**

- a. Variance – Branham - Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the Variance for the Branham's pertained to a request for an accessory structure that was a little larger than allowed per the zoning regulations (allowed approx 1400 sf – requesting 1800+/- sf) as well as a setback decrease from 10 feet to 5 feet. Mayor Green opened the public hearing for the variance, no one wished to comment, Mayor Green closed the public hearing.
- b. Annexation / Rezoning – Annexation and Rezoning of Martin Marietta Quarry Property.  
Mayor Green opened the public hearing for the annexation / rezoning.  
Mr. Thomas Benton (VP MM Quarry) stated the quarry is not changing anything with the current operations but is requesting to have the property annexed into the city limits.  
The Bennett's (350 Bethesda) stated they have experienced numerous issues regarding the quarry operations. (Mr. Bennett met with them after the meeting to discuss their concerns)  
Mr. Peterman (1150 Reavis Mtn Rd) was concerned that his parcel was included in the annexation. Once advised that only quarry properties were included, he stated he didn't have any objections to the proposed annexation.

Mr. Hembree (105 Jordan) stated he has had only positive interactions with the quarry and has no objections.

Mr. Gibson (400 Bishop) stated he has no objections.

Mayor Green closed the public hearing after all comments were made.

## **7. Approval of Minutes**

a. October 6, 2025 – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the 9/29/25 minutes, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

## **8. Department Reports**

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., Lt. Anderson stated there was nothing to report but stated it is nearing the holidays and asked residents to lock their doors, keep valuables inside and to be aware of their surroundings.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green stated Movies in the Park didn't have a great turnout due to the cold temperatures. She updated the Council on the progress of the infrastructure and park projects. She stated the Christmas Event will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl went over the current bank balances.

## **9. Unfinished Business**

N/A

## **10. New Business-**

a. Variance – Branham – Accessory Structure Size & Side Setback

Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the Variance for the Branham's pertained to a request for an accessory structure that was a little larger than allowed per the zoning regulations (allowed approx 1400 sf – requesting 1800+/- sf) as well as a setback decrease from 10 feet to 5 feet. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the variance for the accessory structure and side setback decrease, Seconded by Mrs. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

## **11. Executive Session – N/A**

## **12. Adjourn**

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Mrs. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_