



## **City of Nelson Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 5, 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, 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. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

### **5. Public Appearance-**

None

### **6. Approval of Minutes**

a. April 7, 2025 – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the 4/7/25 minutes, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

### **7. Department Reports**

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

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green stated there was nothing to report.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances and where the city stands with the FY25 budget.

### **8. Unfinished Business**

a. Root Design – Quote for Additional Services – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill stated she would like to see the park plans revised by adding 2 additional Pickleball courts. She had a guest speaker, Wendy, that is a Pickleball Pro discuss the courts and the current demand for the sport. The Council discussed and Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the quote for \$3,000, which is the portion of the quote for the Basketball court

on Pickens St., Seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby. All in favor: Mr. William Taylor and Mr. Nathan Hamby, All opposed: Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill

Per Attorney, Jeff Rusbridge, the motion must have three (3) affirmative votes to pass per the city charter.

**Section 3.15. - Voting.**

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**The motion failed to pass. (2 / 1).**

b. Equipment Replacement – Maintenance Department – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the city received two (2) quotes for trade-in value on the 2018 Kubota zero turn mower. Grasshopper offered \$1,500 and Nelson Tractor offered \$3,500. The Council discussed the mowers and trade-in offers. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Kubota zero turn mower and trade-in of the 2018 Kubota zero turn mower for a total purchase price of \$15,700 (after trade in), Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor: Mr. Nathan Hamby and Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill. All opposed: Mr. William Taylor.

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**9. New Business**

a. FY26 Budget – Council and Mayor discussed the FY26 Budget with Finance Manager, Mrs. Miranda McDowell. The public hearing will be held during the June 2, 2025 Council Meeting.

**10. Executive Session – Legal**

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to end Executive Session, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

**11. 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 8:03 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

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