



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

**June 2, 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 Laura Rollins.

### **2. Invocation**

Mayor Green led the invocation.

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Nathan Hamby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. Agenda Approval**

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

### **5. Swearing in of New Councilmember – Mrs. Elisa Marathas** – Atty. Laura Rollins performed the swearing in ceremony of Mrs. Elisa Marathas.

### **6. Public Hearing – FY26 Budget**

Mayor Green opened the public hearing for the FY26 Budget, no one wished to comment, Mayor Green closed the public hearing.

### **7. Public Appearance**

None

### **8. 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...

### **9. Department Reports**

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

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green stated that Martin Marietta was donating funds for a new commercial popcorn machine for city events. She said the first "Movies in the Park" will be held Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with a rainout date of June 14<sup>th</sup>. The movie will be "IF". She also reported on a conversation she had with City Engineer, Mr. Barry Holbert, regarding

the drive the city will need to have installed in order to access the property where the Sanitation / Maintenance building will be located. She stated that Mr. Holbert will speak with the county regarding and specifications they may require and will send the information over as soon as he receives it so the city can start the process to acquire quotes for the job.

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

## **10. 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. The Council discussed the proposals, Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the additional services for \$4,000 to include the additional pickleball courts as well as the half basketball court on Pickens St., Mrs. Elisa Marathas Seconded the motion. In favor: Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill and Mrs. Elisa Marathas, Opposed: Mr. William Taylor and Mr. Nathan Hamby. Tie Vote 2 / 2.

Per Atty Laura Rollins, the City Charter states in the event of a tie the Mayor, who is the chairman, will vote to break the tie (Sec. 2.41). Prior to casting a vote Mayor Green stated that she was contacted by numerous Nelson residents requesting the additional Pickleball courts. She stated that she wanted to honor the resident's request, so in light of that, she voted in favor of approving the additional services for \$4,000. The motion passed 3/2.

### **Sec. 2-41. - Voting; majority.**

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b. Equipment Replacement – Maintenance Department – Mayor Green reviewed the quotes for new mowers (John Deere, Grasshopper, Kubota) as well as the 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. Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill 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. Elisa Marathas, In favor: Mrs. Elisa Marathas and Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill. All opposed: Mr. William Taylor and Mr. Nathan Hamby.

Per Atty Laura Rollins, the City Charter states in the event of a tie the Mayor, who is the chairman, will vote to break the tie (Sec. 2.41). Mayor Green voted in favor of the purchase of the new mower. The motion passed 3/2.

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- c. FY26 Budget – Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget, Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...
- d. Drainage / Infrastructure Project Changes – Mr. Barry Holbert with Maxis Engineering Mr. Holbert was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency. Mayor Green updated the Council of the changes made to the project.

**11. New Business**

- a. Emergency Operations Plan Renewal – Cherokee Co- Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated this was a renewal of the EOP with Cherokee Co. Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan with Cherokee Co., Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

**12. Executive Session**

N/A

**13. 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.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

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