



City of Nelson Council Meeting Minutes

July 7, 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 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. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

5. Public Appearance

None

6. Approval of Minutes

a. June 2, 2025 – Mrs. Elisa Marathas made a motion to approve the 6/2/25 Council Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

7. Department Reports

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., Lt. Anderson stated there was nothing to report but reminded residents to lock their vehicles and secure their valuables.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green stated the city hired Mr. Evan Howell to clean up the tree debris on Hwy 5 due to safety concerns and the difficulty getting quotes from companies due to how busy they were. She updated the Council on the infrastructure project and stated they hope to begin by the end of July. She also advised the Movies in the Park will be rescheduled for sometime in Sept due to two prior cancellations because of weather issues.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances and where the city stands with the FY25 budget. She also stated the city will need to set the millage rate and hold a public hearing at a Special Called Meeting in July. The Council discussed and decided to hold the Special Called Meeting and Public Hearing for the millage rate on the Cherokee Co side of the city on July 24th at 7pm.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. City Check Signers – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve removing Mr. James Queen and adding Mrs. Elisa Marathas, Seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...
- b. City Credit Card for Travel Expenses – Mrs. Miranda McDowell and Mayor Green discussed the possibility of a cc for travel expenses.
- c. Update – Master Park Plan – Mayor Green reported the Construction drawings for the park are 100% complete.
- d. HB581 / HB 92 Millage Rate for Assessment Notices MOU– Pickens Co side of Nelson – Mayor Green stated the city completed this in Feb for the Cherokee side of Nelson; it is simply an agreement that allows the tax assessors office to use the prior years millage rate for the assessment notices if the city hasn't already set the rate. Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the MOU with Pickens, Seconded by Mrs. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

9. New Business

- a. Library Board Appointment – Pam Coppage – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve Ms. Pam Coppage for the Library Board, Seconded by Mrs. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...
- b. IGA – Cherokee Co – Master Park Plan Phase 1 – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the IGA with Cherokee Co for the upcoming park project (Ballfield North), Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

10. Executive Session - Employee

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 Mrs. Elisa Marathas, 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.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by _____