



## City of Nelson Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026@ 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 Matt Malone, Councilwoman Kristeen MacNeill, Councilwoman Elisa Marathas, Councilwoman India Riehl, Finance Mgr. Miranda McDowell, City Clerk Kelsey Riehl and City Attorney Seth Stroud.

### 2. Invocation

Mayor Green led the invocation.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Matt Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. Agenda Approval

Ms. Elisa Marathas made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. India Riehl, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

### 5. Public Appearance

None

### 6. Approval of Minutes

a. March 2, 2026- Mr. Matt Malone made a motion to approve the 3/2/26 minutes, Seconded by Ms. India Riehl, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

### 7. Department Reports

a. Police Report - Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., Lt. Mark Patterson stated they made 3 arrests during March. One was a domestic dispute; one was a DUI and the other was for warrants.

b. Mayor's Report - Mayor Green stated she attended the walkthrough for the infrastructure project. There are several punch list items, including landscaping items for the Ingram property. She stated the Park Project is moving along and is scheduled to be completed by mid-September. She also stated the Easter Event was a huge success. There were a large number of Nelson residents in attendance. She thanked Ms. Pam Copping for all her hard work, gathering donations and putting the event together. She also thanked Ms. Sue Cochran for all her assistance during the event.

c. Finance Report - Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances and budget. She also asked the Council to look over the current CIP SPLOST projects to discuss any recommended changes to the project list for the upcoming FY 27 CIP schedule.

## 8. Unfinished Business

a. Bush Hogging Hwy 5 – Update – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the city received 2 quotes for traffic control, both were approximately \$1,800 / day. She stated the city has reached out to both counties to see if they could assist with this instead of using private contractors. The item will be on an upcoming agenda once additional information is received from the counties.

b. Close SPLOST 4 Account – Mr. Matt Malone made a motion to close the city's SPLOST 4 account (all funds have been spent), Seconded by Ms. Elisa Marathas, All in Favor, Vote Unanimous...

c. Potential IGA – Cherokee Co – Code Enforcement – Discussion with Council regarding what the city would like regarding Code Enforcement and the process the city would take to address ordinance violations before a request would be made for outside assistance. The item will be added to the May agenda to continue discussions.

d. Automated Locks – Park Bathrooms – WIFI – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated ETC has installed the fiber optic lines at the park bathrooms, but there are still a couple of components to be installed. An update will be provided during the May meeting for the cost of the locks.

## 9. New Business-

a. 2026 LMIG Supplemental Grant – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the city was eligible for the LMIG Supplemental Grant for 2026 in the amount of \$25,602.37. The additional funds will be used to pay for the current infrastructure project on Hillside & Cherokee. Mr. Matt Malone made a motion to approve the LMIG Supplemental Grant funds, Seconded by Ms. India Riehl, All in favor, Vote Unanimous...

b. 811 Safe Digging Proclamation – The City Council approved the 811 Safe Digging Proclamation for both Cherokee & Pickens Counties.

c. TSPLOST (Cherokee) New Bank Account – Ms. Elisa Marathas made a motion to approve opening a new bank account for the upcoming Cherokee TSPLOST, Seconded by Ms. India Riehl, All in Favor, Vote Unanimous...

## 10. Executive Session - Employee

Ms. India Riehl made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, Seconded by Ms. Elisa Marathas, All in Favor, Vote Unanimous...

Ms. India Riehl made a motion to end Executive Session, Seconded by Mr. Matt Malone, All in Favor, Vote Unanimous...

## 11. Adjourn

Ms. India Riehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Ms. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

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

