



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

January 6, 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, Finance Manager Miranda McDowell, 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**

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to amend the agenda by adding 9c., Cherokee / Hillside stormwater project update, seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

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

### **5. Public Hearing / Public Appearance-**

Mrs. Melissa Lawler – firework question.

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

a. December 5, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs., Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the December 5, 2024 minutes, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

### **7. Department Reports**

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., N/A

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green stated the City Christmas Event was a huge success. It was the largest turnout to date since she has been in office. She stated she was still working with the County and the Property Broker regarding the land purchase for Sanitation & Maintenance and will keep the Council updated as things move along. Mayor Green stated she would like to add a work session, the Council discussed and agreed to a work session on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Green asked the Council if the City Easter

Event should be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, the Council will let her know during the Feb meeting. Mayor Green also stated she would like to schedule another Town Hall meeting this spring to get resident input on upcoming projects.

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

## **8. Unfinished Business**

a. Tree Ordinance Revisions – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill discussed the proposed tree ordinance changes. The Council and Mayor discussed the revisions and proposed fines for violations. Attorney Jeff Rusbridge will work on the requested revisions and the item will be placed on the March agenda.

b. Noise Ordinance Revisions (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) – The Council and Mayor discussed the changes as well as restrictions on fireworks. Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the Noise Ordinance Revisions, Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

c. Cherokee Ave. / Hillside St. Stormwater Project Update – Mr. Barry Holbert, with Maxis Engineering, discussed the changes made to the upcoming project as well as concerns brought to his attention by one of the residents that lives in the project area.

## **9. New Business**

a. Yearly Appointments:

Mayor Pro-Tem – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill

Municipal Judge – Mr. Darrell Caudill

City Attorney – Mr. Jeff Rusbridge

City Solicitor – Mr. Jeff Rusbridge

City Building Inspector – Bureau Veritas

Finance Manager – Mrs. Miranda McDowell

City Clerk - Mrs. Kelsey Riehl

Check Signers – Mrs. Sylvia Green, Mr. William Taylor, Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, Mr. Nathan Hamby and Mrs. Kelsey Riehl

Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the 2025 appointments, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. Qualifying Fees – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the qualifying fees have been \$25 for Mayor & \$25 for Council seats. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to keep the qualifying Fees at \$25 for both the Mayor's seat and the Councilmembers seats, Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

c. Council Meeting Dates 2025 – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the 2025 Council Meeting Dates Schedule, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

d. City Observed Holidays 2025 – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated several holidays have been added by other cities and counties to their holiday schedule, these include: Juneteenth, Columbus Day, the day after Christmas and New Year's Eve. The Council discussed The additional holidays. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve adding New

Year's Eve to the City Observed Holiday Schedule for 2025, Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

**10. Executive Session –Legal Action & Property**

NONE

**11. Adjourn**

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

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

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