



City of Nelson
Council Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2024 @ 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 James Queen, Councilman Nathan Hamby, Councilman John Ahlberg, Councilman William Taylor, Councilwoman Kristeen MacNeill, City Clerk Kelsey Riehl and City Attorney Jeff Rusbridge.

2. Invocation

Mr. John Ahlberg led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. James Queen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Approval

Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to amend the agenda by moving item 8e – Landbank IGA & item 9a – Safe Digging Proclamation to 6b & c, motion seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in Favor, Vote unanimous...

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

5. Public Appearance

None

6. Approval of Minutes

a. March 4, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the March 4, 2024 minutes, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

7. Department Reports

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., Lt. Dissis gave the Sheriff's report. – He stated the Ball Ground precinct is in the process of transitioning from part time to full time he also reported there have been several tickets issued the past month.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green reported on the success of the City Easter Event and thanked all volunteers, she said the next Movies in the Park will be April 27 and a date will be set for the May and Sept movies. She updated the Council on the progress of the

sidewalk project with Pickens Co. She stated there are upcoming training classes still available if the Council would like to sign up.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl went over the current bank balances.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Rezoning (2nd reading) – Blue Ridge Marble Co NE02 057 / NE02 042 – NC & LI to HI – Mr. James Queen made a motion to ratify the decision from the March 4th Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

(Rezoning approved with conditions – see 3/4/24 minutes)

Jeremy Denton 04N03 027 – LI to HI - Mr. James Queen made a motion to ratify the decision from the March 4th Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

(Rezoning approved with conditions – see 3/4/24 minutes)

b. Financial Policy Revisions / Preapproved Contractor List – The Council and Mayor discussed the items, there will be further review during the April 23rd Work Session.

c. Root Design –Proposal (grants) – Mayor Green stated Mr. Michael Kidd provided a proposal for grant writing for the city parks. The Council and Mayor discussed the proposal. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the proposal from Root Design, Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

d. Tree Ordinance Revision – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill & Mr. John Ahlberg discussed some of the proposed revisions as well as revisions to the City Buffer Ordinance. Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill asked the Council to look at the current ordinance and highlight the items they would like to keep in the revised ordinance and the item will be discussed again during the June Council Meeting.

e. Landbank IGA – Cherokee Co (Brantley Day) – Mr. Brantley Day, Canton Councilmember Mr. Shawn Tolan and Margaret Stallings, Cherokee Co. Planning & Development discussed the proposed landbank with the City Council and Mayor. The City Council and Mayor were given a chance to ask questions. Mayor Green stated that she and the Council would review the documents and thanked Mr. Day, Mr. Tolan and Mrs. Stallings for attending.

f. Audit Quotes – The Council and Mayor discussed the quotes from Welch, Walker & Associates, CKH CPAs & Advisors and The Rushton Firm. Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the audit quote from The CKH Group, Seconded by William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

g. MSA – Cherokee Co. Animal Control Services (Renewal) – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the MSA is a renewal of the current MSA for Animal Control Services through Cherokee Co. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the MSA for Animal Control Services with Cherokee Co., Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

9. New Business

a. Safe Digging Proclamation – Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the Safe Digging Proclamation, Seconded by Mr. John Ahlberg, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. HI Zoning Ordinance Revision – Mr. William Taylor stated he would like to revise certain allowable uses currently allowed in the HI Zoning District. Attorney Jeff

Rusbridge suggested making all uses conditional which would require Council approval for any businesses in the HI district. Mr. Rusbridge stated he would revise the current ordinance and it will be put on the June agenda for Council Approval.

10. Executive Session – Property & Employees

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

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by _____