



City of Nelson
Council Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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, 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. James Queen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Approval

Mr. John Ahlberg 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. April 1, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the April 1, 2024 minutes, seconded by Mr. John Ahlberg, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. April 23, 2024 Work Session Minutes – Mr. John Ahlberg made a motion to approve the April 23, 2024 minutes, seconded by Mr. William Taylor, 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 now has 8 Deputies, he also reported there have been several reports regarding speeding motorcycles and the precinct has requested speed trailers.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green reported on the status of the current city projects and the expected completion dates, she updated the Council on the upcoming drainage

project as well as the park plan revisions, she said the next Movies in the Park will be May 18 and a date will be set for the Sept movie. She updated the Council on the progress of the sidewalk project with Pickens Co.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Financial Policy Revisions – The Council and Mayor discussed the revisions. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve changing departmental limits from \$500 to \$1,000, changing purchases exceeding the City Manager / Mayor's spending limit from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and purchases exceeding \$10,000 to follow the state limit, which is currently \$100,000 for sealed bids, Seconded by Mr. John Alberg, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. Preapproved Contractor List – The Council and Mayor discussed the list and the item will be put back on the June agenda along with creating a Safety Committee for emergency issues that arise.

c. Tree Ordinance Revision – Mr. William Taylor discussed some of the proposed revisions, the item will be discussed again during the June Council Meeting.

d. FY25 Budget – Mrs. Miranda McDowell discussed the proposed changes to the FY25 budget and asked the Council to reach out with any questions / suggestions.

e. CIP – Capital Improvement Plan – Mrs. Miranda McDowell discussed the proposed budget for the CIP.

f. 74 Spring Street – Asbestos Abatement & Demolition – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl reported the city received 3 quotes for abatement & demolition of the property, the Council and Mayor discussed the quotes. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve Southern Demolition & Environmental's quote of \$3,350 for the asbestos abatement, seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...
Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the quote of \$9,240 from Global Restoration for the demolition, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

g. 80 Blue Ridge Ave – Sealed Bid Opening – Mayor Green opened the 6 sealed bids the city received for the purchase of 80 Blue Ridge Ave. Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the highest bid in the amount of \$26,200 from Cheryl & Gwen Smith, Seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

9. New Business

a. Computers & Tablets (Staff & Elected Officials) – The Council and Mayor discussed the items and pricing. Mr. John Ahlberg made a motion to approve the purchase of 9 iPads & pencils and the purchase of 3 computers, with the stipulation the cost remains below \$2,000 per computer, Seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

10. Executive Session – Property

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

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to end Executive Session, Seconded by Mr. John Ahlberg, 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 _____