



City of Nelson Council Meeting Minutes

July 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 William Taylor, 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. William Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

5. Public Appearance

None

6. Approval of Minutes

a. June 4, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes – Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the June 4, 2024 minutes, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. June 4, 2024 Work Session Minutes – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the June 4, 2024 Work Session minutes, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

7. Department Reports

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., Lt. Dissis- None

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green reported on the Savannah Training Classes, as well as HB541. She stated the June Movies in the Park was a huge success and the next movie will be in Sept. She updated the Council on meetings with County officials regarding an IGA for Fire Services for the Pickens Co side of the city as well as meetings regarding the receipt of the digest on the Pickens Co side.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances and where the city is with the FY24 budget. She stated she will have some amendments to be approved during the next July meeting.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Pre-Approved Contractor List – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the city now has the paperwork for the pre-approved contractors. Per the city policy the city cannot choose specific contractors to give the paperwork to but anyone can fill it out. The city will then have the option to use the contractors after all paperwork and required forms are received.

b. Property Purchase – Backlot of 61 Dogwood Pass – Ratify – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the city recently purchased this lot for \$55,000 plus closing expenses. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the purchase of the backlot of 61 Dogwood Pass for \$55k plus closing costs, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

c. 74 Spring St. – Outbuilding Demo – As discussed in a prior Council Meeting, Global Restoration provided a quote for the demo of the outbuilding located at 74 Spring St., the total is \$3,800. Global was awarded the contract for the demo of the house for \$9,240 the total for both buildings is close to 50% lower than the other two quotes received by the city. Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the outbuilding demo quote for \$3,800, Seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

d. Infrastructure Project – Hillside St. & Cherokee Ave. – Mayor Green stated the City Engineer, Mr. Barry Holbert, has ordered the survey work for the back lot of 61 Dogwood Pass for a detention pond. He will update the city once the survey work is completed.

e. HI Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Atty Jeff Rusbridge stated he made several revisions to the Ordinance including all HI Zoning uses being approved by Council. The Council and Mayor discussed the changes with Mr. Rusbridge. The item will be on the August 5th agenda for a second reading.

9. New Business

a. Fire & Rescue Services IGA – Pickens Co – Mayor Green stated she attended meetings with Pickens Co Officials and the agreed to provide an IGA for Fire & Rescue services for the Pickens Co side of the city. The IGA does not require payment since Pickens residents are already paying for the services through their county tax bills. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the Fire & Rescue Services IGA with Pickens Co., Seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. New Bank Account – upcoming Cherokee Co SPLOST – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the new Cherokee SPLOST starts in July 2024, the first payment will arrive at the beginning of August and the City needs a separate account for these funds. Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve opening a new account for the SPLOST funds, Seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

10. Executive Session – Litigation

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

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to end Executive Session, Seconded by Mr. James Queen, 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 _____