



City of Nelson
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
TSPLOST – PICKENS SIDE
July 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Nelson City Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sylvia Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance

The following persons were present: Mayor Sylvia Green, Councilman James Queen, Councilman Nathan Hamby, Councilman William Taylor, Councilwoman Kristeen MacNeill and City Clerk Kelsey Riehl.

2. Invocation

Mayor Green led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. William Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Approval

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

5. Old Business

a. TSPLOST – Pickens side of the city

Mayor Green discussed the proposed TSPLOST agreement with the Council. She explained the process for TSPLOST agreements and the difference in a 5 yr vs. 6 yr. agreement. A 5 yr agreement can be made with one city (largest population), a 6 yr. agreement requires all cities to be in agreement which allows all cities to negotiate the terms of the agreement, if all are in agreement then the additional year is allowed. Mayor Green stated she asked Board Chairman Kris Stancil if the IGA would be a 5 yr or 6 yr agreement, Commissioner Stancil stated it would be a 5 yr. agreement, the County negotiated with the City of Jasper, the cities of Talking Rock and Nelson were advised of the percentages they would receive. Mayor Green stated Jasper was originally allocated 10% and Chairman Stancil increased it to 16%, then Jasper negotiated an additional 1% for a total of 17%. Nelson was to receive 2.1% and Talking Rock less than 1%. The City Mayors met to discuss the percentages and the projects the funds would be used for, Commissioner Stancil increased Nelson to 3% and Talking Rock to 1% (5 yr. agreement) but there wasn't any negotiating based on the needs of city.

Mayor Green stated she brought a project list to the meeting with the County on July 22nd to show how the funds would be used if approved, the primary use would be for infrastructure projects and road paving, the city would need between 4-5.5% to complete all projects. Mayor Green stated when the IGA was received earlier that day the agreement was changed from a 5 yr to a 6 yr agreement, there wasn't any prior discussion with the County regarding the change from a 5 yr to a 6 yr.

Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill stated the City of Nelson should receive 3.5% instead of 3% due to the change in terms of the agreement since all cities have the ability to negotiate for a 6 yr agreement. The total increase would be a little over \$200k with the additional .5%. The Council and Mayor discussed the percentages and changes in length. Mayor Green stated the County would lose over \$10M by reverting back to a 5 yr IGA if the City of Nelson requested an increase of .5% to complete the projects. The County had previously agreed to a joint project for sidewalks which would reduce the overall cost for the city.

Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to deny the IGA at 3% for 6 years, Seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the IGA at 3.5% for 6 years with a written agreement for sidewalks, Seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

6. 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 at 6:32 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by _____