



City of Nelson
Work Session Minutes
April 23, 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 John Ahlberg, Councilman William Taylor, Councilwoman Kristeen MacNeill, Finance Manager Miranda McDowell and City Clerk Kelsey Riehl.

2. Invocation

Mayor Sylvia Green 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 approve the agenda seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

5. Executive Session - Property

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

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

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Green updated the Council on the status of the storm drain project, including the Easements needed prior to the start of the project. She updated the Council on the Meeting with Lori Jones, project manager for the project, the plan revisions and RR row issues. She gave an update on the drainage issues on Ray Mtn Rd, including a tree that has grown in the middle of one of the drainage ditches. She updated the Council on the status of the sidewalk project with Pickens Co., the monument sign being designed by Blue Ridge Marble and Granite. Mayor Green updated the Council on the status of the demo projects on Spring St. and stated the last house to be demo'd may need to be bid

out. She stated the kiddy park is complete and a ribbon cutting will be held and the city may consider names for the park. An update was provided on the status of completion of the Nelson Museum, Mayor Green stated she will be looking at tablets and new computers for the Council and staff, she updated the Council regarding the issues with the tax digest and the status of meeting with the other cities and county to find an amicable resolution. She also stated she will be asking for an appt. for the new Admin Assistant, Pam Coppage, since her 60 period is almost up. Mayor Green asked the Council and members of the audience to spread the word about "Movies in the Park" being held this weekend.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Financial Policy Revisions – Mayor Green requested the policies be updated to an amount that is easier to work with. The Council and Mayor discussed the current amounts and the proposed changes. Mayor Green stated the item will be on the May agenda to vote on the changes.

b. Pre-Approved Contractor List – The Council and Mayor discussed the current city policy and the requested contractors to be added to the list. Mr. William Taylor suggested adding a "Safety Committee" for any emergency repairs. The item will be added to the May Agenda for further discussion and revisions.

8. New Business

a. FY25 Budget – Mrs. Miranda McDowell discussed the upcoming budget and asked the Council and Mayor to advise of any known expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

b. Capital Improvement Program – CIP – Mrs. Miranda McDowell discussed the upcoming CIP, she asked the Council and Mayor to provide any potential changes or small projects that need to be added, she stated there will be further discussions during the May Council meeting.

9. Adjourn

Mr. William Taylor 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 _____