



City of Nelson
Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 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

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

5. Public Appearance

Lamar Kellett

6. Approval of Minutes

a. December 4, 2023 – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the December 4, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

7. Department Reports

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., (Jones) gave the Sheriff's report.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green reported on the meeting with Pickens Co to discuss sidewalks, a new city hall and stated she has a meeting scheduled with Cherokee Co. this Tues.. She discussed the report from Arrow regarding the condition of the current City Hall and the potential cost of repairs. Mayor Green updated the Council about the

City Easter Event and stated the Martin Marietta Quarry will be donating 2,000 easter eggs for the event as well as a popcorn machine.

She stated she has spoke with Michael Kidd regarding the park plans and they will be finalizing plans and going over the upcoming project.

The city is getting pricing for the city audits and it will be on the upcoming agenda.

The city will also be doing movies in the park this spring and fall.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell was unable to attend, Mrs. Kelsey Riehl went over the current bank balances.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Drain Cleaning – Update / Price Correction – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the Council previously approved the drain cleaning for one day at \$3,800. The drain was unable to be cleaned in one day and the company had to come out a second day to finish the job, they charge by the day and were able to clean out several other clogged drains while they were here. The total bill came to \$6,565.00 Mr. John Ahlberg made a motion to approve the price difference, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous... Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated that a price was also requested to finish cleaning the remaining drains that are estimated to take approx. one day. The price for one day is still \$3,800. Mr. John Ahlberg made a motion to approve the additional drain cleaning, seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement – Cherokee Co.- Mayor Green stated this is a renewal agreement, the last one was signed in 2019 and the terms are the same as the previous agreement. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. John Ahlberg, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

c. 80 Blue Ridge Ave. – City Owned Property Disposal – Per the city policy the property needs to be disposed by either sealed bids or auction. Attorney Jeff Rusbridge stated the city can try sealed bids and if a reasonable amount is not offered the city can decline the offers and try the auction method. The Council and Mayor discussed and agreed to try sealed bids.

d. Kiddy Park – Parking / Curb & Gutter / Drainage – Estimate received from Holcomb Grading and Hauling – Mayor Green stated Cherokee Co was asked to price this job when they were paving the city streets and they said the price would be much higher using asphalt since it is currently concrete. Another contractor was asked to provide a price but has not so the only price received is the one from Holcomb Grading & Hauling. Mr. Holcomb met with the City Engineer, Mr. Barry Holbert to discuss the drainage issues last fall and the recommendations are included in the quote. The quote includes pricing for demoing and repouring concrete with curb & sidewalk and stop bumpers for parking, an option to move fence back to increase sidewalk space and an option to back fill the area around the playground to reduce the drop off from the playground to the ground level from approx 12" to 2-3", sod will be installed on top of backfilled dirt. The total price for all recommendations is \$25,550. The Council and Mayor discussed the

recommendations, Mr. William Taylor was in favor of the bid with the exception of moving the fence back.

Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve all recommendations for \$25,550, seconded by Mr. John Ahlberg, Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill was also in favor.

Mr. Nathan Hamby and Mr. William Taylor were opposed.

e. Asbestos Abatement – 48 Spring St. – Mayor Green stated the city received three quotes for the abatement.

ICG \$5,400

Global Restoration \$5,600.01

Southern Demolition \$5,850

The Council discussed the bids. Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the bid from ICG for \$5,400, seconded by Mr. John Ahlberg, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

9. New Business

None

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 Council

March 4, 2024

K Riehl



CITY OF NELSON, PICKENS / CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certified that at a meeting of the City of Nelson City Council held on 2-12-2024, the City Council closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of its meeting is as checked below:

- To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))
- To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceeding, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against The City of Nelson or a council member or employee or in which the council member or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

This 12 day of February, 2024

[Signature]
Mayor

[Signature]
City Council

Sworn to and subscribed before me
On the above indicated date:

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-31-2027

