



City of Nelson
Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026@ 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 Nathan Hamby, Councilman Matt Malone, Councilwoman Kristeen MacNeill, Councilwoman Elisa Marathas, Councilwoman India Riehl, City Clerk Kelsey Riehl and City Attorney Jeff Rusbridge. (Finance Mgr., Miranda McDowell was not in attendance due to being sick)

2. Invocation

Mayor Green led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Nathan Hamby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Approval

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

5. Public Appearance

Josh Cantrell – 98 Barrel Way – discussion regarding item 9b – Winchester Oaks drainage easements.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. January 5, 2026 – Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the 1/5/26 minutes, Seconded by Mr. Matt Malone, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

7. Department Reports

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., The new Lt for CCSD stated there were two arrests – one for driving on a suspended license and one for possession of a firearm by a known felon. There were also several calls for domestic disputes.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green stated the drainage project is nearing completion, there have been a few complaints that the city will look into prior to the job closeout. She updated the Council on the park project and stated the Easter Event will be held in March.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl went over the current bank balances.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Park Project – Change order #2 - \$10k allowance for Geotech Testing. – Mr. Matt Malone made a motion to approve the change order for \$10k, Seconded by Ms. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. Communications Contract – ETC – Ms. Elisa Marathas made a motion to approve the 36-month agreement that provides a 25% discount for city communications, Seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

c. Xerox Printer – Disposal – GovDeals – The Council approved disposal of the old Xerox through GovDeals. No Vote necessary.

d. Purchase of a Generator for City Hall – Mayor Green stated the generator was approved sometime around 2018 but was never installed. The Council and Mayor discussed the issue and decided to hold for now.

9. New Business-

a. Sanitation Truck Repairs and Maintenance – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the new truck needed a cylinder replaced. The cost exceeded the \$3k threshold that admin can approve. The quote for repairs also includes routine maintenance (oil change). Mr. Matt Malone made a motion to approve the repairs and maintenance quote of \$4,780, Seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. Winchester Oaks – Responsibility of Drainage Easements – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the recorded plat states per the City Policy the city would not be responsible for the drainage, she stated she cannot find this policy and this statement is not on the plat copies at City Hall nor on any other plats for city neighborhoods. Atty Jeff Rusbridge advised the city could assume the easements for the drainage if they fall within the right of way. The Council tabled the item until more info could be found but will have the issue looked at to see if there would be an easy solution...

c. New Bank Account – New Pickens SPLOST – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve opening a new bank account for the Pickens SPLOST, Seconded by Mr. Matt Malone, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

d. Close Bank Account – Grant Funds – (\$0 balance) – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve closing the Grant Fund bank account, Seconded by Ms. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

e. Storm Prep – Purchase of Road Salt (includes spreading) – Mayor Green stated the city originally purchased 3 tons of salt which was used for the Jan storm and needed an additional 6 tons due to the second storm system that came through in Jan. Ms. Elisa Marathas made a motion to approve the second purchase of road salt for \$5,400, Seconded by Mr. Matt Malone, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

f. Quote for adding access to city camera system to add timed locks on park bathrooms – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the city has received one quote from Syntech for \$6,303.46 to tap into the camera system to provide Wi-Fi access for timed locks on the city bathrooms. The Public Works dept is looking into alternative options that may be less expensive. The item was tabled and will be added to a future agenda once more info is received.

10. Executive Session – Employee

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, Seconded by Mr. Matt Malone, All in Favor, Vote Unanimous...

Mrs. Elisa Marathas made a motion to end Executive Session, Seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in Favor, Vote Unanimous...

11. Adjourn

Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Ms. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by City Council
March 2, 2026
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