



City of Nelson
Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 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, Finance Manager Miranda McDowell, City Clerk Kelsey Riehl and City Attorney Seth Stroud.

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. Public Appearance

None

6. Swearing in of Elected Officials – City Attorney, Seth Stroud, Swore in Incumbent Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, Incumbent Mr. Nathan Hamby, and Newly Elected Councilmember Mr. John Ahlberg.

7. 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...

8. Department Reports

a. Police Report – Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., (Demaskey) reported 24 calls for service, the calls included 13 traffic stops, 1 arrest (drugs), DUI, hit & run, suspicious person call, and speeding complaints.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green reported on the success of the City Christmas event, she stated the Martin Marietta Quarry donated \$600 for food, the Blue Ridge Marble Co donated \$500 for gift cards for the children. The event drew the largest number of kids in recent years approx 50 +. She thanked the volunteers that came out to help with set up and clean up and also thanked city employee, Matt Huffman, and Council Member, Kristeen MacNeill for playing Santa's Elves. She stated she will be seeking donations for the upcoming City Easter Event and would like to plan for Movies in the Park during the months of May, June and Sept. Mayor Green reported the FY23 audit was still being worked on, the audit firm filed an extension and should be wrapping up in the next few weeks. She stated she will get pricing from some other firms since the city audit seems to continually be delayed the last few years.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances and asked the Council to set a work session date for Feb to start looking at the CIP. Work session scheduled for Feb. 22.

9. Unfinished Business

a. City Hall – Flooring Replacement (Repairs) – Mayor Green stated that during the flooring replacement on the back of the building, damage to the subfloor and floor joists was discovered. Grindstone Renovations was asked to come give an estimate and to do the emergency repairs (only company able to come immediately for repair work). Total price for repairs \$5,973.85, this price included all repairs, materials & replacing the French doors on the back of the building that also had extensive damage. Mayor Green stated for transparency reason that she would like it noted that her son is the owner of Grindstone Renovations. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the work totaling \$5,973.85. Seconded by Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

10. New Business

a. Yearly Appointments –

Mayor Pro-Tem – Mr. James Queen

Municipal Judge – Mr. Darrell Caudill

City Attorney – Mr. Jeff Rusbridge

City Solicitor – Mr. Jeff Rusbridge

City Building Inspector – Bureau Veritas

Finance Manager – Mrs. Miranda McDowell

City Clerk – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl

Check Signers – Mrs. Sylvia Green, Mrs. James Queen, Mr. William Taylor, Mr.

Nathan Hamby, Mrs. Kelsey Riehl, Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill and Mr. John Ahlberg

Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the yearly appointments, seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous... A discussion of the 2024 recognized city

holidays was also included with the appointments – Mr. William Taylor made a motion to keep the same Holiday Schedule as 2023, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. Qualifying Fees & Council Meeting Dates– Mayor Green stated per O.C.G.A. 21-2-131 (a)(1) qualifying fees must be set at the beginning of each year. The fee has been \$25 for both Mayor and Councilmembers. Mr. James Queen made a motion to set the qualifying fees at \$25 for both the Mayor and Council seats and to approve the Council Meeting Dates for 2024, seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

c. Salting & Plowing – Mayor Green stated ICG has offered salting & plowing to the local cities at a discounted rate. Three pricing options are offered, pre-buy, pro-active buy and reactive buy. A snowplow is offered for \$125 / hr. The best savings are offered at the pre-buy option. The company will store any unused product for one additional season. The Council and Mayor discussed. Mrs. Kristeen MacNeill made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) tons of salt at the pre-buy price and the use of the snowplow on an as needed basis, motion seconded my Mr. John Ahlberg, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

11. Adjourn

Mr. John Ahlberg 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
2.12.2024

