



City of Nelson Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 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 Laura Rollins, and Finance Mgr. Miranda McDowell

2. Invocation

Mayor Green led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Nathan Hamby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Approval

Mr. Matt Malone made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

5. Public Appearance

None

6. Approval of Minutes

a. February 9, 2026- Mrs. Elisa Marathas made a motion to approve the 2/9/26 minutes, Seconded by Mr. Matt Malone, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

7. Department Reports

a. Police Report - Cherokee Co Sheriffs Dept., Lt. Mark Patterson stated they received one domestic call and several calls for unauthorized vehicles on the roadway. They will continue to patrol the city.

b. Mayor's Report - Mayor Green stated the drainage project is nearing completion, there have been a few complaints with some properties. She will be meeting with the Engineer & Project Manager on 3/3/26 to discuss the complaints received and walk the properties to see the issues in person. Mayor Green updated the Council on the park project and stated the city received a change order for soil which will be discussed during the meeting. She stated the city has received numerous donations for the upcoming Easter Event which will be held March 21st from 1-4.

c. Finance Report - Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances and asked the Council to schedule a work-session in April to discuss the CIP.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Winchester Oaks- Drainage ROW Update – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the Public Works Supervisor, Jordan Tkacsik, sent an update for the Council regarding the baffle array system that was installed after the February meeting. He stated that it seems to work well but will continue to monitor the area. The Council discussed adding stone but would like input from the property owner prior to any additional work being done.

b. Bush Hogging Hwy 5 – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated that the city has not been successful obtaining quotes for the job. Only one vendor was able to submit a complete quote due to others being unable to provide traffic control estimates. The Council would like to obtain quotes for traffic control separately from bush hogging quotes and to check with Cherokee / Pickens Counties to see if they could assist.

c. Potential IGA – Cherokee Co – Code Enforcement – Mayor Green stated the city previously contacted Cherokee to provide this service, and an IGA was drafted but never approved by Council. Mayor Green stated the city needs to have avenues to enforce the city codes / ordinances other than sending violation letters. The city currently has a contract with Bureau Veritas for C.E. but in order for them to proceed with enforcement the city needs to have written complaints to back up the claims if the violation proceeds to court. Having an IGA with Cherokee will assist with violations that Bureau Veritas isn't able to handle. Mayor Green asked the Council to review the prior IGA to determine what the city would need from the county. The item will be added to the next agenda.

d. Automated Locks – Park Bathrooms – WIFI – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the city has looked at several options for accessing automated locks for the park bathrooms: accessing the camera system approx. \$6k, WIFI extender \$200, adding internet / WIFI to the park (approx. \$70 / month). Mr. Matt Malone made a motion to approve adding internet / WIFI, Seconded by Ms. Elisa Marathas, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

e. Change Order – Park Project – Suitable Soil – Mayor Green stated the city received a change order for suitable soil for approx. \$19k. The Council and Mayor will look into the change order request prior to approval.

9. New Business-

a. Resolution – Prosecuting Attorney – Atty Laura Rollins stated there have been issues in other cities with the defense attorneys trying to have charges dismissed due to the city not having a Prosecuting Attorney resolution on file. This is a preventative measure to avoid future issues. Mr. Matt Malone made a motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney Resolution, Seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

10. Executive Session - Employee

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

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

11. Adjourn

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

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by _____

