



**CITY OF NELSON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
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 Matt Malone, Councilwoman Elisa Marathas, Councilwoman India Riehl, Councilman Nathan Hamby, Finance Mgr. Miranda McDowell, City Clerk Kelsey Riehl and City Attorney Jeff Rusbridge.

2. Invocation

Mayor Green led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Nathan Hamby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Approval

Ms. Elisa Marathas 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. April 6, 2026- Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the 4/6/26 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 there were two domestic calls, but no arrests were made.

b. Mayor's Report - Mayor Green stated the next city event will be Movies in the Park on May 23rd. The movie will be "How to Train Your Dragon". She asked if any of the elected officials would like to have their monthly compensation paid through ADP vs a check from the city (so that taxes are taken out). Ms. Elisa Marathas and Mr. Matt Malone stated they would like to use ADP. Mayor Green stated she needs to reschedule the work session currently scheduled for May 16th at the Jasper library. She will be out of town due to a family health issue. A date was unable to be set during the meeting, but the Mayor and Council will check their schedules and set a date in the next few days. The meeting info will be posted once a date is selected.

Mayor's Recognition – Mayor Green recognized Ms. Kate Malone & Mr. Randall Malone and stated it was brought to her attention that these two young Nelson residents have taken it upon themselves to pick up trash from city streets.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances and budget.

8. Unfinished business

a. Bush Hogging 5 – Update

Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated Pickens Co agreed to bushhog the Pickens side of Hwy 5. Cherokee Co contacted the city and stated they would help with the bush hogging on Hwy 5 and will do a ride along with the Public Works Supervisor on Tuesday to understand the scope of work.

b. Potential IGA – Cherokee Co – Code Enforcement – Council & Mayor discussed the need for code enforcement. Council stated that they would like it specifically written that the city sends 3 notices to the property owner and if no action is taken then the matter should be brought before the Council for approval prior to bringing in the Marshall's Office. The Council would also like to hold court in Nelson instead of the county. There will also be a statement that the Sheriff's Office would be able to call them in if needed.

c. Automated Locks – Park Bathrooms – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the city received a quote from Syntech to install the bathroom locks, it is approx. \$5k but the Public Works supervisor researched what is needed, including ADA requirements and provided an estimated cost of \$1k. Ms. India Riehl made a motion to approve the estimate from the city's Public Works dept., Seconded by Mr. Matt Malone, All in favor, Vote unanimous.

9. New Business

a. Speed Humps / Tables – Laurel Lake – Mayor Green stated there is an ongoing issue within the Laurel Lake neighborhood regarding speeding. The city has installed temporary speed bumps, but they are not as effective as they need to be. She stated she has received numerous complaints from neighbors as well as the school bus driver and she would like to have four speed humps or tables installed to help control speeding issues within the neighborhood. Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated temporary speed humps will run approx. \$720 each, she was unable to find pricing for temporary speed tables but stated the city previously received a quote for permanent speed tables which would run approximately \$3-4k each. The council tabled the item for this meeting but asked for quotes (from several companies) for permanent speed tables. The item will be added to the agenda for an upcoming meeting once the quotes have been received.

10. Executive Session – Not needed.

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

Mayor Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by _____