

**City of Nelson**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

February 7, 2022 @ 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 David Hamby, Councilman Nathan Hamby, Councilwoman Martha Tipton, Councilman William Taylor, Finance Manager Miranda McDowell, Clerk Kelsey Riehl and Attorney Jeff Rusbridge.

1. **Invocation**

Steven Johnston led the invocation.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. James Queen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Agenda Approval**

Mr. David Hamby asked to have the agenda amended by adding an Executive Session after New Business. Mrs. Martha Tipton made a motion to approve the amended agenda seconded by Mr. David Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

**5. Approval of Minutes**

January 10, 2022 Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. David Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

**6. Public Appearance**

None

**7. Department Reports**

a. Police Report - Lt. Darrin Downey, Cherokee County Sheriff’s Dept., reported there were 2 calls for service in January on the Cherokee side.

b. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Green reported on possibly leasing a piece of property for the sanitation truck from Rio Land, she discussed the upcoming Easter Event and partnering with the Beautiful Nelson Committee for the event planning. She reported on the Kennesaw Ave project and she hopes to have either the project manager or the inspector at the next Council meeting for an update.

c. Finance Report – Mrs. Miranda McDowell went over the current bank balances and stated the city is currently a little under budget.

**8. Unfinished Business**

a. City Owned Property – 80 Blue Ridge Ave. Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the business on Canton Hwy is currently for sale and a couple of people have inquired about the City selling this parcel since it is an abutting vacant parcel. She stated the 2 lots were combined to make a single ½ acre lot and environmental health will allow a house to be built once a perc test is performed. The lot would have to be sold either by sealed bids or auction per the City policy. The Council & Mayor discussed and decided to hold off on selling the property for now.

b. Pole installation 352 Blue Ridge Ave. – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated Advanced Electric has poles, which there is a shortage of, and can install the pole as well as perform all needed electrical work to maintain power on the lot for the City security cameras. The total is $2,210. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the quote, seconded by Mr. William Taylor, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

c. Sanitation Truck – Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated she contacted the sales Manager and verified the 11yd. truck does have an Allison transmission, a Cummins engine and air brakes. Mr. Nathan Hamby stated he had contacted the company and discussed the truck, there is currently a waiting period of almost a year for new orders. Mrs. Riehl stated the carts are approx. $75 each and they are currently hard to find. The Council and Mayor discussed. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the purchase of the new truck (currently $164k) as well as 550 trash carts (currently $75 +/-) for a total of approx. $205,000. This will be paid with SPLOST funds.

**9. New Business**

a. Lease Space for Sanitation Truck – Mayor Green stated that Rio Land would lease the City a one-acre piece of land for $1,000 a month. The property is located next to the mill at the end of North Ave., the city would be responsible for the gravel, having it fenced and installing a metal pole barn. It would be a 5-year renewable term with a clause to end early with advanced notice if the city were to find property to purchase.

**10. Executive Session – Real Estate**

Mr. David Hamby made a motion to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

Mr. David Hamby made a motion to end executive session, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

**11. Adjourn**

Mr. David Hamby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Martha Tipton, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_