



**City of Nelson**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
May 2, 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, Councilman William Taylor, City Clerk Kelsey Riehl, City Finance Manager Miranda McDowell and City Attorney Laura Rollins.

**2. Invocation**

Stephen Johnston led the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. James Queen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Agenda Approval**

Mr. William Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Mr. David Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

**5. Public Appearance**

Mike Haviland – recommendations for FY2023 budget & CIP budget.

Kim Bare – Thanked those who volunteered for the Easter Event: Council members, Mayor, residents, local churches, local businesses & the Cherokee Co Fire Dept.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

a. April 11, 2022 – Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. David Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

b. April 19, 2022 – Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the April 19, 2022 Work Session Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. David Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

## 7. Department Reports

a. Police Report - Lt. Darrin Downey, Cherokee County Sheriff's Dept., reported there was 1 call for service for reckless driving in April and they are handling the situation with the teens on dirt bikes near Nelson Oaks. He also asked residents to notify the Sheriff's Dept. of suspicious people and / or vehicles that don't belong in the area and to lock car doors and keep valuables hidden and out of site.

b. Mayor's Report – Mayor Green stated that Council Member Martha Tipton sent in a letter of resignation due to the hours at her new job. Mayor Green stated that Mrs. Tipton would be missed and wished her the best on her new endeavors. Mayor Green also reported a City Maintenance worker resigned and the city will be placing a help wanted ad in order to fill the position, she asked Council if they were in favor of allowing the Sanitation workers to fill in during the interim, all Council members agreed.

Mayor Green stated there is a hole opening at the southeast corner of Kennesaw & School St. and a pipe has been exposed. She will have the County evaluate the situation. She stated she has a meeting with Mr. Keith Johnston on Tues. to discuss handing off the city website as well as getting some type of instruction document / user manual for the site.

Mayor Green stated she has a meeting with the City Engineer, Mr. Barry Holbert, on Friday May 13, to discuss the upcoming phases of the drainage project and to discuss the status of the Kenn. Ave. project.

Mayor Green stated the playground equipment has drastically increased in price since the city priced items a few years ago for the Kiddy Park and suggested asking Michael Kidd to help design a layout for the site. Mr. William Taylor stated he has been working on several ideas and the equipment companies usually help with site development, he has been working on a bid package and can have it for the next Council meeting and possibly have something ready to advertise for a request for bid after the June meeting if all are in agreement. The Mayor and Council agreed that it was a great idea and it will be discussed at the June meeting.

**Mayor Green stated she received estimates from Brent Holcomb for the removal of the 2 walls on school street (marble & timber), they are willing to remove the walls, regrade, seed and provide hay for \$5,000 per wall if the city would like them removed while the machines are on site for the demo project. If only one wall is removed it will be \$6,000 each. She stated there is a concern that the marble wall will be damaged during the demo of the community building. Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the GMA insurance safety inspector was at the city for the annual safety inspection and pointed out that both walls need to be removed for safety reasons. The Council & Mayor discussed the quotes with the Attorney, Laura Rollins, who stated the marble wall connected to the building could be considered an addendum to the original quote but the timber wall would need to be separate since they are not connected. The Mayor stated that the city is allowed to accept the quote for the timber wall since it is below the threshold required for sealed bids and it would save the city a considerable amount of money if completed while the company is offering a discount since they are already working on site. Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the quote for**

**the removal of the marble wall as an addendum to the Community building demo contract for \$5000, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous... Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the quote for removal of the timber wall for \$5,000, seconded by Mr. David Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous... (Total \$10,000).**

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

#### **8. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business during this meeting.

#### **9. New Business**

FY2023 Proposed Budget – Mrs. Miranda McDowell discussed some of the changes made to the upcoming budget due to inflation and other price increases. She stated she did not include raises for employees until the Council decided on that during the executive session. There was discussion of potential increases for sanitation customers due to several landfill cost increases as well as increases in fuel costs. Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the Council should also consider increasing & changing the way the Council and Mayor are paid, currently they are compensated \$50 a meeting but there are many meetings attended by the Mayor, Mayor – Pro Tem and some Council members during the week that require them to take time off of their regular job that they cannot be paid for. She recommended paying a monthly amount for each Council Member with this amount being a little higher for the Mayor Pro-Tem and the Mayor due to the number of meetings and increased responsibilities their positions require.

#### **10. Executive Session –**

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 Mr. Nathan Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

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