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**City of Nelson**

**Special Called Meeting**

**& Work Session**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

October 21, 2021 @ 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, Mayor Pro-Tem James Queen, Councilmember Susan Johnston, Councilmember David Hamby, Councilmember Nathan Hamby, Finance Manager Miranda McDowell, Clerk Kelsey Riehl and Attorney Jeff Rusbridge

1. **Invocation**

Mayor Sylvia Green led the invocation

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. James Queen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Agenda Approval**

Mr. James Queen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Susan Johnston, All in favor, vote unanimous…

1. **IGA to Conduct Municipal Elections – Pickens County**

Attorney Jeff Rusbridge stated Pickens is asking all of the Cities to sign the IGA for election services. The County has been handling the election services for several years without a written agreement. The agreement defines the responsibilities, fees, and term of the agreement. The Council and Mayor discussed the agreement, Mr. Nathan Hamby made a motion to approve the IGA, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous...

1. **Capital Improvement Plan**

Finance Manager Miranda McDowell stated that since the CIP was approved the Council needed to start looking to add additional items to the plan. She discussed the different categories of the CIP including the upcoming paving projects with Cherokee Co. for Kennesaw Ave., Baker St. and Nelson Oaks Dr. She reported on the current balances for the parks and rec budget, Mayor Green stated the City has spent right under $40k on park plans and would like to have a master plan for the entire City to compile all of the plans into one and give the City a plan to move forward. Mrs. Susan Johnston stated Root Design could do a plan for around $8k and could poll the citizens of the City for an additional amount. Mayor Green asked each Councilmember if they were in favor of a Master Park Plan for the City of Nelson.

 Susan Johnston – yes, James Queen – yes, David Hamby – yes, Nathan Hamby – yes. Mayor Green stated that she would request pricing from Root Design for a Master Plan and pricing for them to conduct polling of the citizens of Nelson to evaluate the preferences for what to include in the parks.

 Mrs. Miranda McDowell reported on the budget for government facilities and stated that there is money in this budget that will need to be allocated. Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated the Maint. Dept. is in need of some new equipment, specifically a Bobcat Tool Cat and new Mower. She also suggested using some of the funds for purchasing land for a facility for the Sanitation Dept. and possibly a new truck with the trash cans and the cart tippers. The Council and Mayor Green discussed. Mrs. McDowell stated the SLFR grant could also be used for the Sanitation truck.

**7. Grant Projects & Committee**

Mayor Green stated she had received some recommendations for the SLFR grant committee and would be reaching out to those individuals to make sure they were willing to participate.

 The Council and Mayor discussed several potential grant “projects” that the funds could be spent on. These include:

 New Sanitation truck with trash cans

 Storm water & drains (Cherokee Ave. / Hillside St. & School St)

 Sidewalks

 Hazard Pay – Sanitation workers $1-2,000

 **8. 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_