

**City of Nelson**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

April 12, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Nelson City Hall

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Sylvia Green called the meeting to order.

**Attendance**

The following persons were present: Mayor Sylvia Green, Mayor Pro-Tem James Queen, Councilman David Hamby, Councilman Nathan Hamby, Councilwoman Martha Tipton, Councilwoman Susan Johnston, Attorney Jeff Rusbridge and Clerk Kelsey Riehl.

1. **Invocation**

Mayor Sylvia Green led the invocation.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. James Queen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Agenda Approval**

Mrs. Kelsey Riehl stated that the agenda needed to be amended by removing #6 – Public hearing for zoning ordinance revisions, she stated that the Atty was still making changes to the revisions and it would be put on the May agenda. Mrs. Martha Tipton made a motion to approve the Agenda with the amendments, seconded by Mr. David Hamby, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

**5. Public Appearance**

None

**6. Approval of Minutes**

March 1, 2021 – Mrs. Martha Tipton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

**7. Department Reports**

a. Police Report - Lt. Darrin Downey, Cherokee County Sheriff’s Dept., stated that March was a slow month and there were only 4 calls for service.

b. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Green reported that the Kennesaw Ave. drainage project is now out for bid through Cherokee Co., she said she will keep the Council updated when she hears anything. She also reported that 80 Blue Ridge Ave. is out for bid. The ad was run in the paper and the request for bid packet is on the City website.

c. Finance Report – Miranda McDowell was unable to attend due to a family health emergency but the account balances are in the packet.

**8. Unfinished Business**

a. Discuss and Vote – Covid – 19 Cleaning (City Park Bathrooms & City Hall) – Mayor Green stated the City is currently having the park bathrooms cleaned and sanitized 3 days a week and having City Hall cleaned & sanitized after a meeting or event is held. Mrs. Martha Tipton suggested that we discontinue the cleaning for now, Mr. David Hamby agreed and said the schools are also cutting back on their cleaning. Mayor Green said that she will discontinue outsourcing the cleaning.

b. Discuss and Vote - Collection company for past due taxes and sanitation accounts – Mayor Green stated that she, James Queen and Kelsey Riehl met with Delinquent Tax services a few weeks ago to discuss their services. Any fees assessed by the company are added to the parcel and as part of the debt collection process. Their rates range from $30 to no more than $200 per parcel + fees to advertise. Attorney Jeff Rusbridge stated that the City needed to make sure the company would take care of the lien as part of the process if the City were to use them. Mrs. Kelsey Riehl said that the company stated they would prepare the lien. Mayor Green also advised that the City was in control of how things were handed over to the company which would continue to allow us to work with people who wanted to make payments or who may be temporarily struggling. Mrs. Susan Johnston made a motion to approve the contract with Delinquent Tax Services, seconded by Mr. James Queen, All in favor, Vote unanimous…

**10. Adjourn**

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

Mayor Sylvia Green adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Riehl

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