

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting of the City Council **to order** at 7:03 pm in the City Council Chambers at 111 S. Cherokee Avenue.

2. City Clerk Deb Corn called the **roll** as follows:

Present: Councilor Ward I Bree Long
 Councilor Ward II Dr. Charles Carroll
 Councilor Ward III Stephen Highers
 Councilor Ward IV Joshua Bliss

Others present: City Attorney Angela Jones, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Solid Waste Superintendant Les Ford, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Cemetery Superintendent Richard Smith, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no comments from the public.

4. Presentation by Fire Chief Hammons to Deneace White in special **recognition** of her actions in helping with a fire.

5. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to endorse the 2017 **One Voice Legislative Agenda**.

Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Long Nays: none Motion carried.

6. Mayor Nichols informed the Council that he had already made adjustments to extend the current temporary **agreement** with Tom Barnard for the **filming** of the Council Meetings and that no action was necessary.

No action taken.

7. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve the **contract** with Crafton Tull to develop a new **Comprehensive Plan**. The cost will be \$185,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Carroll, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.

8. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept a **quote** from Kelly Grant Electric in the amount of \$14,850.00 for the replacement of the bay **lighting** at Fire Station # 1.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Carroll, Bliss Nays: Highers Motion carried.

9. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to allow the **Solid Waste Facility** to adjust their work week schedule and hours of operation.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long Nays: Carroll Motion carried.

10. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept Additional OHSO **Grant Award** of \$2,200.00, approve a cash **loan** of \$2,200.00 from General Fund and approve the Grant **Budget Amendment** of \$2,200.00.
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
11. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **promote** Katelyn Blair from a part-time 490-hr lifeguard to a 999-hr laborer in the **Rec Department**.
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Carroll, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.
12. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **add** a 999-hr **intern** position in the **Police Department**.
Vote: Ayes: Long, Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried.
13. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve General Fund **Budget Amendment # 02** in the amount of \$2,300.00, to budget donated funds for the city employee Christmas party.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Long Nays: none Motion carried.
14. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **hire** Daniel Wikel as a full-time laborer in the **Cemetery Department** as Grade 3, Step 1.
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
15. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **promote** Denton Hopkins from part-time laborer in the Rec Department to a full-time laborer in the **Park Department**, at Grade 3, Step 1.
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Carroll, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.
16. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded **adjourn** at 8:02 pm.
Vote: Ayes: Long, Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried.