

**MINUTES**  
**TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016 - 7:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.**

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1. **MEETING CONVENED**

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Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 7:02 pm.  
The City Clerk Deb Corn called **the roll** as follows:

<b>Present:</b>	Councilor Ward I	Diane Weston
	Councilor Ward II	Dr. Charles Carroll
	Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

**Others present:** City Treasurer Lanny Williams, City Attorney Angela Jones, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Administrative Assistant Amy Scott, Police Chief Nate King, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Stormwater Manager Clinton Johnson, Compliance Officer Tom Moore, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Events Coordinator Dee Dee Hensley, News Media Josh Newton.

**Invocation** – Police Chief Nate King.  
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2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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There were no comments from the public.

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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Councilor Weston made the motion Highers and Councilor seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve the **minutes** of the March 7 and March 21, 2016 City Council Meetings

Acknowledge receipt of February 2016 **Financial Report**

**Appoint** Dr. Charles Gosnell to the Tahlequah **Hospital Authority Board** of Trustees

**Hire** Taylor Lynn as a 552-hour laborer in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.25 an hour

**Hire** Jordan Phillips as a 552-hour laborer in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.25 an hour

Accept the **retirement** of Bryan Swim from the **Fire Department**, effective April 16, 2016

Approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$1,785.89, to approve step raises for March 2016

Accept the **resignation** of Steven Carroll from **Solid Waste Services**

Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Weston

Nays: none

Motion carried.

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4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

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Recognition of Years of Service for April Employees: John Sutton in the Rec Dept. – 15 yrs.  
Report from Library – none.  
Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau – Mellissa Harris.  
Report from Chamber of Commerce – Laura Doss.  
Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – Drew Haley.  
Reports from City Departments: Fire Department, Street Department, Stormwater Management,  
Police Department

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## REGULAR SESSION

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5. There were no items removed from the **consent** agenda.  
No action taken.
6. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to allow Barlow Publishing to **place** outdoor magazine **racks** at 503 N. **Muskogee Ave.**, in front of The Twig, and at 116 S. Muskogee Ave., in front of Boom-A-Rang Diner. Mayor Nichols said that he would bring back a policy for these kinds of requests.  
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Weston Nays: Bliss, Carroll, Nichols Motion denied.
7. Leonard Wilkins was present to address his **appeal** to a March 7, 2016 **decision** of the **Abatement** Board to demolished the structure at 203 N. East Ave. He informed the Council that the house had been demolish last week.  
No action taken.
8. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to table an **appeal** from James Gammon on an Intent to **Lien** dated 10-06-15, on property located at 808 Janet St. so that they could gather more information. James Gammon was not present.  
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried.
9. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve **audit** of the general purpose financial statements of the City of Tahlequah for the period ending **June 30, 2015**.  
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
10. Clinton Johnson gave an **update** on the progress of the Safe Routes to Schools **Grant**.  
No action required.
11. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to accept a **quote** submitted by Eden Excavation for the **demolition** of a structure at 318 W. Seneca for a cost of \$7,250.00.  
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
12. Council took no action on **contracts** between the City of Tahlequah and Oklahoma Production Center (**OPC**).  
No action taken.
13. Councilor Highers introduced **Ordinance** No. 1233-2016, providing for Complete **Streets**.  
No action was required on the introduction. It will appear on the next agenda for action.  
No action required.

14. Treasurer Lanny Williams introduced **Ordinance** No. 1234-2016, adding a new section to the Code to provide for a Net Revenue Stabilization Fund or “**Rainy Day Fund**”. No action was required on the introduction. It will appear on the next agenda for action.  
No action required.

Mayor Nichols combined items 15 and 16.

15. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to proceed with **condemnation** process on Aaron and Kristina Johnson (1117 W. **Fourth Street**) and the condemnation process for 1109 Chase Ave. (listed in item 16).

16. In item 15 Council approved to proceed with **condemnation** process on Eldee Panell and Deborah Matlock (1109 **Chase Avenue**).

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

17. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve the transfer of **match funds** on Safe Routes to School Grant with the City’s 20% match portion equaling \$6,780.00 and Oklahoma Department of Transportation portion equaling \$27,120.00 for total **contract** amount of \$33,900.00.

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

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18. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 9:25 pm.

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

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- ❖ Discussion on the 2016-2017 **contract** with **IAFF Local 4099**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (2).
  - ❖ Discussion on the 2016-2017 **contract** with **FOP** Lodge 201, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (2)
  - ❖ Discussion on the purchase or appraisal of real **property**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (3).

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19. Mayor Nichols **Reconvened** Regular Meeting at 10:24 pm.  
No action required.

20. There was no action on the 2016-2017 **contract** with **IAFF Local 4099**.  
No action taken.

21. There was no action taken on the 2016-2017 **contract** with **FOP** Lodge 201.  
No action taken.

22. There was no action taken on the purchase or appraisal of real **property**.  
No action taken.

23. The **mid-month** special **meeting** will be on April 18, 2016 at 4:00 pm.  
No action required.

24. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **adjourn** at 10:34 pm.  
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Weston, Carroll, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.