

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 - 4:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting of the City Council **to order** at 4:02 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 Diane Weston
 Councilor Ward II Dr. Charles Carroll
 Councilor Ward III Stephen Highers
 Councilor Ward IV Joshua Bliss

Others present: Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, City Attorney Angela Jones, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Police Chief Nate King, Administrative Assistant Amy Scott, Solid Waste Superintendent Les Ford, Solid Waste Assistant Superintendent Chris Armstrong, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Maintenance Superintendent Mark Manship, Park Superintendent Charles Poteet, Cemetery Superintendent Richard Smith, Stormwater Manager Clinton Johnson, IT Director Randy Powell, Rec Director Cathy Cooper, Events Coordinator Dee Dee Hensley, News Media Josh Newton.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
There were no comments from the public.
4. Councilor Weston 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.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
5. There was no action taken on an **appeal** from James Gammon on an Intent to **Lien** dated 10-06-15, on property located at 808 Janet St.
No action taken.
6. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1233-2016, providing for Complete **Streets**.
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Weston, Carroll, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.
7. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1234-2016, adding a new section to the Code to provide for a Net Revenue Stabilization Fund or "**Rainy Day Fund**".
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried.
8. Councilor Weston said that she would like to form a committee to make recommendations on what to **amend** in the current Commercial and R-2 **Landscape Ordinance** which would include maximum tree preservation.
No action taken.

9. Councilor Weston recommended that the new committee would also make recommendations to **create** a reforestation **program** for all **city** owned **property**.

No action take.

10. Department Head **Reports:** Street Department, Maintenance Department, IT Department, Rec Department, Emergency Management, Stormwater Management, Park Department, Cemetery Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Solid Waste Services

No action taken.

11. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** of \$187,747.00, to move reserved funds for capital purchases from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund.

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

12. Councilors showed some interest in **attending** the upcoming regional Training **Meeting** "Understanding the Role of Elected Officials" in Locust Grove on May 5, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

No action taken.

13. Mayor Nichols combined items # 13 and item # 14. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to accept the **resignation** of Michael Boydston from **Solid Waste** Services, effective April 18, 2016 and the resignation of Kyle Ellenbargar from Rec Department.

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

14. Councilors voted to accept the **resignation** of Kyle Ellenbargar in the **Rec Department** in item # 13.

No action required.

15. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire** Denton Hopkins as a part-time 999-hour laborer in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.95 an hour.

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

16. Mayor Nichols combined items # 16 and # 17. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire** Kris White as a part-time 552-hour laborer in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.25 an hour and to hire Taylor Payne as a part-time 490-hour lifeguard in the Rec Department with a salary of \$8.90 an hour.

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

17. Councilors voted **hire** Taylor Payne as a part-time 490-hour lifeguard in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.90 an hour in item # 16.

No action required.

18. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to accept the **retirement** of Rickey Deckard from **Solid Waste** Services, effective May 1, 2016.

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

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19. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Councilors did not adjourn to executive session to discuss the following items:

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- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a full-time Collector in **Solid Waste Services**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a full-time Driver in **Solid Waste Services**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
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20. There was no need to **reconvene** Regular Meeting.
No action taken.

21. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **hire** Jeremy Stroup as a full-time Collector in **Solid Waste Services** at Grade 3, Step 1.

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

22. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire** Matt Spears as a full-time Driver in **Solid Waste Services** at Grade 3, Step 2.

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

23. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **adjourn** at 5:26 pm.

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