

**MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.**

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nichols at 7:04 pm.
The City Clerk Deb Corn called **the roll** as follows:

Present:	Councilor Ward II	Dr. Charles Carroll
	Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss
Absent:	Councilor Ward I	Vacant Position

Others present: City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Police Chief Nate King, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Solid Waste Assistant Superintendent Chris Armstrong, Emergency Management Director Mike Underwood, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Stormwater Manager Clinton Johnson, News Media Josh Newton.

Invocation – Chief of Police Nate King.
Flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue Bingham spoke to the Council about the continuing limb and debris problems. She recommended that the City revise the brush ordinance since this one does not seem to be working. JoEllen Rogers said that the street striping on South Muskogee Avenue came to a stop before it was finished and that the City should extend the street striping through the rest of the City. She did not get a chance to go to the pool to see if her recommended signage had been placed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to pull the two items of Accepting the **resignation** of Bobby Garcia from the **Planning & Zoning** Board and **Appointing** Jason Marzullo as the At-Large member to the **Planning & Zoning** Board and approve the rest of consent agenda as follows:

Approve the **minutes** of the June 6 and 20, 2016 City Council Meetings

Acknowledge receipt of May 2016 **Financial Report**

Approve the **Lease Agreement** with SAC Counties Nutrition Project at the Tahlequah Senior Citizens Center for a monthly payment of \$699.69 a month

Acknowledge the **resignation** of Jessica Flickman in the **Rec Department** as a part-time lifeguard

9. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve the 2016-2017 Service **Agreement** between the City of Tahlequah and Tahlequah **Main Street Association**.

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

10. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **appoint** Councilor Carroll as **president** of the Council.

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

11. Councilor Bliss made the motion to appoint Marcie Gilliam to **fill** the vacant **position** of Assistant City Administrator. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to take no action on this item.

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

12. Councilor Highers made the motion to **appoint** Bree Long as **Councilor** from **Ward I** to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Diane Weston. The motion died for lack of a second.

No action taken.

13. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to take no action on the **engagement** of Crawford & Associates, P. C. for compilation/**preparation** of the **Financial Statements** of the City of Tahlequah for the period ending June 30, 2016.

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

14. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **engage** Michael W. Green, CPA for **Audit** of the Financial Statements of the City of Tahlequah for the period ending June 30, 2016.

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

15. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **renew** the “Sales Tax **Agreement**” dated September 1, 2009 in the amount of \$9,235,000 between Tahlequah Public Works Authority and the City of Tahlequah, as required by Oklahoma Law.

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

16. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **renew** the “Sales Tax **Agreement**” dated May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$24,455,000 between Tahlequah Public Facilities Authority and the City of Tahlequah, as required by Oklahoma Law.

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

17. The **SAC** Counties Nutrition Project Lease **Agreement** for the Tahlequah Senior Citizens Center in the amount of \$699.69 a month was approved in the Consent Agenda.

No action needed.

18. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **appoint** Chief King as the Chief **Negotiator** for the 2016-2017 Agreement with **FOP** Lodge 201.

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

