

**MINUTES**  
**TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016 - 7:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.**

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1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting of the City Council **to order** at 7:02 pm in the City Council Chambers at 111 S. Cherokee Avenue.

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

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

**Others present:** City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Police Chief Nate King, Solid Waste Superintendent Les Ford, Solid Waste Assistant Superintendant Chris Armstrong, IT Director Randy Powell, City Judge Donn Baker, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Bingham complimented whoever cleaned the yard on East 4<sup>th</sup> Street and said that the property on Bluff and Fuller had been cleaned but there were already bags of trash stacked back on it.

4. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **appoint** Bree Long as **Councilor** from **Ward I** to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Diane Weston.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.  
Judge Baker administered the oath of office. Councilor Long took her seat on the podium.

5. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve a **Memorandum** of Understanding with Cherokee County Health Department for the **Mosquito fogger**.

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

6. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to table an **agreement** for the **videoing** of the City Council **meetings**.

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

7. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **surplus** 55 Nortel **phones** and allow IT Director Randy Powell to sell 30 of the phones for \$100.00.

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

8. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **purchase** a **semi-truck** on state contract for \$112,044.00 and Stecco trailer for \$66,985.00 to be used by Solid Waste Services.

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

9. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to acknowledge the **resignation** of the following employees:

- Nick Stovall as laborer in the **Street** Department
- Dakota Crow as laborer in **Solid Waste** Services
- Jason Hyslope as laborer in **Solid Waste** Services

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

10. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire** Ronnie Crow as a laborer in the **Street Department** at Grade 3, Step 2.

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

11. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve a General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$17,598.15, for employee position raises approved 07-05-16.

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

12. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **establish** “PAPI-FAA **Grant** Fund”, approve the cash match of \$8,755.00 through Resolution No. 07-18-16 and approve the grant budget of \$87,550.00.

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

13. Councilor made the motion and Councilor seconded to approve the following Grant **Budget Amendments** to budget remaining balance of funds on June 30, 2016: (with the correction of CDBG 14 Grant amendment # 01 from \$67,695.00 to \$67,171.00)

- Bullet Proof Vest Grant #5194 amendment # 01 in the amount of \$8,224.14 (increase appropriations)
- CDBG 14 Grant amendment # 01 in the amount of \$67,171.00 (increase estimated revenue) and \$313,695.00 (increase appropriations)
- CDBG 13 Grant amendment # 01 in the amount of \$101,689.00 (increase estimated revenue) and \$263,699.00 (increase appropriations)
- TESET 2015 amendment # 01 in the amount of \$92,000.00 (increase appropriations)
- Safe Routes to School amendment # 01 in the amount of \$215,943.14 (increase appropriations)
- Tahlequah Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant VII amendment # 01 in the amount of \$7,111.55 (increase appropriations)
- Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force amendment # 01 in the amount of \$3,252.71 (increase appropriations)
- FBI Eastern District of Okla. Violent Crime Task Force amendment # 01 in the amount of \$17,548.00 (increase appropriations)

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

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14. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:36 pm.

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

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- ❖ Discussion on the 2016-2017 **contract** with **FOP** Lodge 201, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (2).
  - ❖ Discussion to **promote** a full-time Captain in the **Police Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
  - ❖ Discussion to **promote** a full-time Lieutenant in the **Police Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
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15. Mayor Nichols **Reconvened** Regular Meeting at 8:16 pm.  
No action taken by Council.

16. No action was taken on the 2016-2017 **contract** with **FOP** Lodge 201.  
No action taken by Council.

17. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **promote** Billy Dowling to a full-time Captain position in the **Police Department**.

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

18. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **promote** Brandon Vick to a full-time Lieutenant position in the **Police Department**.

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

19. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **adjourn** at 8:17 pm.

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