

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 21, 2017 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

2. Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 7:01pm.
City Clerk DeAnna Hammons Called the **Roll call as follows:**

Present:	Councilor Ward I	Bree Long
	Councilor Ward II	Dower Combs
	Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Grant Lloyd, City Administrator Ed Carr, Police Chief Nate King, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Public Relations Jamie Murphy, News Media Tesina Jackson , Finance Director Danya Curtis, Emergency Management Mike Underwood, City Treasurer Lanny Williams

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

4. No action taken regarding **Resolution 08-17-2015** pertaining to the **Oklahoma Department of Transportation to change** proposed S.H. (JP27101(04) from Alternate 1A to Alternate 9.
5. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve a **Resolution 08-21-17-A**, supporting participation in the 2017/2018 **Oklahoma Main Street Center**.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried

6. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve the plat for Woodridge Addition**.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried

7. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **approve** the Plat for the **Light Plant Addition** to include Attachment A pertaining to Drainage Reserve.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Highers, Bliss, Long Nays: none Motion carried

8. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to approve a **Resolution 08-21-17-B, adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Code Council's Codes.**

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried

9. Agenda item number 17 was taken out of time: There was no action taken on the **Special Needs Park.**

As for Agenda item number 9, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals gave a report on the **results** of the **Tahlequah City Auction** held on August 12, 2017.

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **approve temporary closure** of all **parking spaces** along the East side of Muskogee Ave. between Goingsnake and Chickasaw from 5:00am Saturday, September 2, 2017 until the end of the **Cherokee National Holiday Parade** on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Long, Combs, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried

11. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **create a Training Officer position** in the Police Department.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Combs, Long, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

12. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve a **Resolution 08-21-17-C, adopting the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2015 Edition.**

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Combs, Long, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

13. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to accept the **resignation** of **Lila Morrow**, in the Managerial Department, effective August 28, 2017.

Vote: Ayes: Combs Bliss, Highers, Long Nays: none Motion carried

14. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept the **resignation** of **Frank Grogan**, as a Collector in the Solid Waste Department, by abandonment of position, effective 08/03/2017.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried

15. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept the **resignation** of **Austin Davis** as a part-time laborer, in the Parks Department, effective 08-05-2017.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion carried

16. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **hire Henry Walker**, as a **crossing guard** in the Police Department, for the annual amount of \$3,402.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Long, Bliss Highers Nays: none Motion carried

17. Agenda item number 17 was taken out of time as referenced above.

18. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8:03pm.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried

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- ❖ Discussion and possible action related to August 18, 2016 **Engagement Letter** with **Northeastern Oklahoma Accounting, PLLC** and/or all matters related to preparation of financial statements for the City of Tahlequah for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as provided in O.S. Title 25 Section 307 (B) (4).
 - ❖ Discussion and possible action to enter into an **Agreement** with **Tahlequah Industrial Authority** related to utilization of limited City resources, as provided in O.S. Title 25 Section 307 (B) (1), (2) and/or (4).
 - ❖ Discussion regarding the City's future **employment contract** with the City Administrator **Ed Carr**, as provided in O.S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1) and/or (2).
 - ❖ Discussion and possible action on compensation for regular, full-time employees, grades T117 through T123 as provided in O.S. Title 25 Section 307 (B) (1) and/or (2).
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19. Reconvene Regular Meeting at 10:36 pm.

20. There was no action taken regarding the August 18, 2016 **Engagement Letter** with **Northeastern Oklahoma Accounting, PLLC** and/or all matters related to preparation of financial statements for the City of Tahlequah for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

21. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to **negotiate** a **contract** with the **TIA** and for the **continued community development** of the City of Tahlequah, the City continue its relationship with TIA as currently conducted.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Combs, Long Abstained: Bliss Nays: none Motion carried

22. There was no action taken regarding the City's future **employment contract** with the City Administrator **Ed Carr**.

23. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded on the approval of **compensation** for regular, full-time **employees**, to **Step 4 grades T117-T123**.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Combs, Mayor Abstained: Long Nays: Bliss Motion carried

24. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **adjourn** at 10:39pm.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers Nays: Bliss Motion carried