

**MINUTES**  
**TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 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 7:01 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	Bree Long
	Councilor Ward II	Dr. Charles Carroll
	Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

**Others present:** City Administrator Ed Carr, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, News Media, Solid Waste Superintendent Les Ford, Police Chief Nate King, Human Resources Director Jessica Petty.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Boatright commented on the ODOT Hwy 82 plans.

- Before agenda item number 4 was discussed agenda item number 19 was moved for Discussion. There were several public comments regarding health, traffic, air quality, construction process and possible inspections requirements.

4. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to accept bid for **equipment** and turf from Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$123,047.67 for **Kaufman Park**. Bree Long

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

5. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded on the changes to the new **contract** with the **Farmers Market** with the changes of the Ratification date showing as April, clarifying the vehicle language more specifically, and correcting the City Clerk from Deb Corn to DeAnna Hammons. Ed Carr.

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

6. **Market Salary Analysis presentation by Blair Johanson with the Johanson Group.** Blair Johanson / Ed Carr

**No Action needed**

7. Discussion and possible action on changing the **Step** and **Grade**. Ed Carr

**No Action taken**

8. Discussion and possible action to grant a Special **Exception** to **Richard Corn** of 18-202: AQUATIC PROTECTION BUFFER ZONE for the property located at 550 Dale Avenue. Richard Corn

**No action taken**

9. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded on entering into an **agreement** with the corrections pertaining to “Other Proceedings” reflecting current councilors with **BancFirst** to **lease** 2018 Western Star Tractor. Les Ford

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

10. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$9,100 to move reserved funds for capital purchases. Marcie Gilliam

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

11. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded on **Budget amendment #1** for the **Tahlequah Police Canine** Fund to increase budget due to donations received from **Cherokee Nation**. Marcie Gilliam

Council elected to combine agenda item number 11 and number 13 together.

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

12. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded on **Capital Improvement** Fund Budget Amendment #4 to **increase budget** due to funds received from the **general fund**. Marcie Gilliam

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

13. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded on **Capital Improvement** Fund Budget Amendment #5 to **increase budget** due to donations received from **Cherokee Nation** for law enforcement equipment. Marcie Gilliam

Motion taken in agenda item number 11

14. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept the **resignation** of Mallory Speaks, as a patrolman, in the **police department** and Toney Fout, as a collector in **the solid waste department**. Jessica Petty

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

15. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **hire** Carrie Kirchner as a **Dispatcher** in the **Police Department**, at a grade 3 step 1. Jessica Petty

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

16. Discussion to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1243-2017, **rezoning** the property located at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Delaware Street and State Avenue, from Single-Family Dwelling District (R-1) and Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1) with a Special Use restriction for an attorney's office, to Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1). Clinton Johnson.

**No Action needed**

17. Discussion to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1244-2017, **rezoning** the property located at the Northwest corner of West Fourth Street and Turpin Lane, from Single-Family Dwelling District (R-1) to Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1). Clinton Johnson.

**No Action Needed / Application withdrawn**

18. Discussion to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1245-2017, **rezoning** the property located at the 1100 Block of West Fourth Street, from Multiple-Family Dwelling District (R-3) to Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1). Clinton Johnson

**No Action needed**

19. Discussion to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1246-2017, **rezoning** the property located North and West of the intersection of HWY 51 Spur and Douglas Avenue, from Single-Family Dwelling District (R-1) to Heavy Industrial District (I-3). Clinton Johnson.

Before agenda item number 4 was discussed agenda item number 19 was moved for Discussion. There were several public comments regarding health, traffic, air quality, construction process and possible inspections requirements.

**No Action needed**

20. There was no action taken to determine the actual costs of the abatement for the property located at **128 N. Muskogee Avenue**. Clinton Johnson

**No action**

21. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session.

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

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❖ Discussion on the **employment** of Ted Kupsick, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).

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22. Mayor Nichols **reconvened** Regular Meeting at 10:30 pm.

**No action needed**

23. Councilors took no action on the **employment** of Ted Kupsick.

**No action taken.**

24. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **adjourn** at 10:32 pm

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