

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 - 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.
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/Absent
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrator Ed Carr, Police Chief Nate King, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Emergency Director Mike Underwood, News Media Mike Elswick.

Invocation – Pastor Buddy Hunt - First Baptist Church
Flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows with exception of removing from Consent and placing the item in Regular session to accept Lease Agreement with SAC Counties Nutrition Project:

Approve the **minutes** of the April, 2017 City Council Meetings

Acknowledge receipt of the **Financial** Reports from March 2017

Approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$998.40, for the Fiscal Year step raises

Approve Resolution No. 05-01-17, the **28th Supplement** of the City of Tahlequah Code.

Approve the revised Airport Board Calendar meeting dates.

Declare the following items from the Recreation Department as Surplus, 1996 Doge 1500 pickup, 1997 Ford F-150 pickup and a 1992 Chevy 1500 pickup.

6. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded 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) with Special Use for a Concrete plant. Clinton Johnson.
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Combs, Long Nays: none Motion carried.
7. Discussion item. No action on implementation of **bicycle patrol** in the police department. Chief Nate King
8. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Long seconded on **Resolution 05-01-17-A** to apply and accept grant offer from the **US Department of Transportation Federal Aviation** Administration (FAA) for the install of new runway 17-35 vertical guidance system (PAPI) project no 3-40-0093-13-2017 for the Tahlequah Municipal Airport. Marcie Gilliam
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion carried
9. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **establish “Department of Justice Task Force Obligation Overtime” Grant Fund**, approve \$1,000.00 from the General Fund, Approve Grant Budget of \$1,000.00. Marcie Gilliam
Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried
10. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve the carnival and amusement ride application submitted by **Sam’s Amusement and Carnivals Inc.** for an event scheduled for **May 26th through May 28th** to be located at 2450 S. Muskogee Avenue. Clinton Johnson
Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long Nays: none Motion carried
11. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire Jamie Hale**, as the **Events and Facilities Coordinator**, at a grade 3 step 1. Jessica Petty
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion carried
12. Laura Doss commented on the **approval** of the **Tahlequah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget**. Mayor Nichols
No action

13. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **approve** the Statement of **Costs** for the **abatement** work conducted at **221 Northside Court**. Clinton Johnson
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion carried
14. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded 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.
John Uzzo commented on documentation and mail out procedures.
Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried
15. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded 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
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion carried
16. Discussion to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1247-2017, **rezoning** the property located at the Southwest corner of the intersection of North Cedar Avenue and Diedrick Lane, from Single-Family Dwelling District (R-1) to Multiple Family Dwelling District (R-3). Clinton Johnson

No action needed

Mayor called for recess at 9:26pm and Reconvened at 9:39pm
17. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to waive the **Statement of Costs** for the abatement of the property located at **128 N. Muskogee Avenue**. Clinton Johnson
Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Abstained: Long Nays: none Motion carried
18. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept the **resignation of City Attorney** Angela Jones. Mayor Nichols
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion carried

19. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to exit regular session and enter into executive session. No action

- **Park Medearis v. City of Tahlequah, et al.**, U.S.D.C. for the Eastern District, Case No. CIV-17-005-JH

Possible Executive Session, upon the advice of legal counsel, for the purpose of confidential communications between the City and its attorney concerning the above-referenced lawsuit. Public disclosure of these confidential communications would seriously impair the ability of the City and its attorney to properly process and defend this litigation. As such, the communications in this Executive Session are confidential. AUTHORITY: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4).

20. Reconvened – No action needed

21. Discussion and possible action to take any necessary action related to Executive Session pertaining to **Park Medearis v. City of Tahlequah, et al.**, U.S.D.C. for the Eastern District, Case No. CIV-17-005-JH

No action needed

22. The **mid-month special meeting** will be May 22, 2017 at 7:00pm.

23. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **Adjourn** at 9:16 pm.

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