

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 7:01 pm.
2. 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 Administrator Ed Carr, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mrs. Sue Bingham thanked the Street Department and Public works for great work.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There was a public hearing held for the purpose of input/requests from the public for the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget.
5. **Presentation** was given by Mayor Nichols of the proposed FY 2017-2018 Tahlequah City Budget.
6. Glenda Pate requested council to hear testimony on behalf of Save our Children. Testimony was being presented. Councilor Long made the motion to table this item and Councilor Combs seconded.
Vote: Ayes: Long, and Combs Nays: Highers and Bliss, Mayor Nichols

The item continued to be heard again until another motion was made by Councilor Long and seconded by Councilor Combs to table this item once again.

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

7. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **renew the Interlocal Agreement** on the handling of **Juvenile Cases** between the District Court, Fifteenth Judicial District, and the City of Tahlequah, effective June 30, 2017 – June 30, 2018.
Vote: Ayes: Combs, Highers, Bliss, Long Nays: none Motion carried

8. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **hire a Recreation Coordinator** in the Recreation Department Grade 6 Step 4.
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion carried
9. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **hire Matthew Spears as a Collector in the Solid Waste** Department, at a grade 3 step 1.
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried
10. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **Approve Budget Amendment #2** in the Tahlequah Police Canine Fund, increasing the revenue account Donations 215-46-1000 and increasing the expense account to Purchase & Equip Canines due to donation from Cynthia Jewett.
Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried
11. No action was taken to **amend Section 4 of Appendix C** of the **Employee Handbook** of Personnel Policies as follows: Original: **All applicants** for **positions** with the City of Tahlequah shall undergo **drug and/or alcohol testing** following a condition offer of employment but prior to final hiring and assignment. Amended: **All applicants** for **full-time** positions with the City of Tahlequah shall undergo **drug and/or alcohol testing** following a conditional offer of employment but prior to final hiring and assignment.
12. No action was taken to approve **resolution 05-22-17** providing **hiring authority to the mayor** for all part-time employees and full-time positions **in Grade 3** of the City's Step and Grade Pay Matrix.
13. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 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). No action needed There were several citizens' comment with concerns of the rezoning. Mr. Kirk Boatright and Mr. Fox gave detail information for the intended plans.
14. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Long seconded 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).
Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers Nays: Bliss Motion carried

15. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded on electing Councilor Highers as the new **Council President**.

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

16. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **Adjourn** at 8:34 pm.

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