

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY July 3, 2017 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

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, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Public Relations Jami Murphy, News Media Tesina Jackson,

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. There were no comments from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to approve the Consent agenda as follows:

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

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

To accept the **resignation** of **Brandon Bardin** in the **Solid Waste** department.

Reappoint Bryan Shade as the At-Large member to the Abatement Board

Reappoint Dr. Don Stucky as the At-Large member to the Recreation Advisory Board

Reappoint Robert Batson as the Ward 3 member to the Planning and Zoning Board

Appoint Tammy Phillips as the Ward 4 member to the Historic Preservation Board

Appoint Dower Combs as the Ward 2 member to the Airport Advisory Board

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for **JULY** Employees:
Fire Department – **Kenny Barnes** 15 years and **Joshua Keys** 10 years of service
Police Department – **Robert Jones** 10 years of service
Report from Library
Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau
Report from Chamber of Commerce
Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association
Reports from City Departments: Street Department

REGULAR SESSION

5. There were no items removed from the **consent** agenda.
6. There was no action taken regarding **access** to the **commercial property** located at and around **500 A North Muskogee Ave.** Tahlequah, Ok.
7. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to grant a **Special Exception** of City Code Part 12 Chapter 6 (12-602 A.2) in order to allow for a **travel trailer** to be located in the existing mobile home park at **604 Sooner Drive**.

Vote: Ayes: Higher, Combs, Mayor Nays: Long, Bliss Motion Carried

8. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept the **Ross Street** CN-A921-11 **Memorandum of Agreement** between **Cherokee Nation** and City of Tahlequah.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long Abstained: Highers Motion Carried

9. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to accept the Basic Agreement regarding the “**On Demand Engineering Services**” with **Kelly Engineering**.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long, Highers Nays: None Motion Carried

10. There was no action taken on a request from the **Historic Preservation Committee** for funds to **purchase signs** to place in front of **historic homes**.

11. There was no action taken to **place Canine Beau.**

12. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to accept the **self-demotion** of **Robert Jones** from Lieutenant to Patrolman in the Police Department.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Combs, Bliss, Long Nays: None Motion Carried

13. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **move Robert Jones** from the Police Department to Cops in Schools and **Chris Smith** from Cops in Schools to the Police Department.

Vote: Ayes: Combes, Bliss, Long, Highers Nays: None Motion Carried

14. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **award a bid** for the **West Fourth Street widening** Project to Rosco Construction.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Highers, Combs Abstained: Long Motion Carried

15. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **select** McKinney to conduct an auction for the City to dispose of **surplus** items.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Highers, Combs, Bliss Nays: None Motion Carried

16. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **renew** the “Sales Tax **Agreement**” dated September 1, 2009 in the amount of \$9,235,000 between Tahlequah Public Works Authority and the City of Tahlequah, as required by Oklahoma Law.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Combs, Bliss, Long Nays: None Motion Carried

17. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **renew** the “Sales Tax **Agreement**” dated May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$24,455,000 between Tahlequah Public Facilities Authority and the City of Tahlequah, as required by Oklahoma Law.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long, Highers Nays: None Motion Carried

18. Discussion and no action taken to **adopt Ordinance No. 1248-2017**, rezoning the property located at the Northwest corner of the intersection of **West Choctaw Street** and **South Morris** Avenue, from Single-Family Dwelling District (R-1) to Neighborhood Commercial District(C-1).

NO Action needed

19. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve **Addendum with CivicPlus Inc.**

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Highers, Combs Nays: None Motion Carried

20. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve the reallocation and adjust employee salaries to 82.5 percent of the median value determined by the Johanson salary survey, with no employee receiving below a 3-percent adjustment.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Combs, Mayor Abstained: Long, Bliss Motion Carried

21. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **approve the solicitation of bids for the Bluff Avenue construction project.**

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Combs, Bliss, Long Nays: None Motion Carried

22. The mid-month special meeting will be held July 24, 2017 at 7:00pm

No Action taken.

23. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to exit regular session and enter into Executive session.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long, Highers Nays: None Motion Carried

- ❖ Discussion on the **2017-2018 Contract** with the **FOP Lodge 201**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B)(2)
 - ❖ Discussion on the **2017-2018 Contract** with **IAFF Local 4099**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B)(2) .
 - ❖ Discussion and possible action to **hire a patrolman** in the police department, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion and possible action to **hire a Finance Director** in the Managerial department, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
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24. Mayor Nichols **Reconvened** Regular Meeting at 10:07 pm.

25. There was no action to **approve** the **2017-2018 Contract** with the **FOP Lodge 201.**

26. There was no action to **approve** the **2017-2018** Contract with the **IAFF Local 4099**.

27. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded **to hire Justin Leatherwood as a Level 1 patrolman** in the Police Department.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Combs, Bliss, Long Nays: None Motion Carried

28. There was no action **to hire a Finance Director** in the Managerial Department.

29. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded **Adjourn at 10:09 pm** .

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Highers, Combs Nays: None Motion Carried