

**MINUTES**  
**TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY JULY 31, 2017 - 6:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.**

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**1. MEETING CONVENED**

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Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 6:00 pm.  
City Clerk DeAnna Hammons Called the **Roll call as follows:**

<b>Present:</b>	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, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Jamie Murphy, Media Tesina Jackson

Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to reconvene the meeting on the second floor in the County Commissioners office due to construction in the Council Chambers.

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

**Reconvened meeting at 6:07pm**

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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There were no comments from the public.

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3. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to adopt **Ordinance No. 1248-2017**, rezoning the property located at the **Northwest corner** of the **intersection West of Choctaw Street and South Morris Avenue**, from **Single-Family Dwelling District (R-1)** to **Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1)**.

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

4. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **declare** the following items from Street Department as **surplus**: 2006 Ford Crown Vic., 1996 Ford Taurus, 2003 Ford Crown Vic., 1998 John Deere 120L Excavator/Trackhoe, orange chairs from Council Chambers.

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

5. There was no action taken to **hire an I.T. Support Specialist** in the Managerial department, as provided in O.S. Title 25 Section 307 (B)(1).

6. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to accept the transfer of the cashier to the **Administrative Assistant** position in the Managerial department.

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

7. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire James Stepp** as the **Computer Support Specialist** in the Managerial department at a **grade T114, step 1**.

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

8. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **promote Jarvis Stroman**, from a **part-time** laborer in the **Solid Waste Department**, to a **full-time Collector** in the **Solid Waste Department**, at a **grade T111, step 1**.

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

9. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire Jonathan Crow**, as a **full-time Collector** in the **Solid Waste Department**, at a **grade T111, step 1**.

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

10. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 6:10pm.

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

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❖ Discussion and possible action to **hire a Finance Director** in the Managerial department, as provided in O.S. Title 25 Section 307 (B)(1).

❖ 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).

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11. Mayor Nichols **Reconvene** Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm.

12. There was no action taken to **hire a Finance Director** in the Managerial department.

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

14. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **adjourn** at **7:02 pm**.

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