

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 7TH, 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, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Public Relations Jamie Murphy, News Media Tesina Jackson ,

Invocation – Police Chief Nate King
Flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the **minutes** of the July 3rd, 24th, & 31st 2017 City Council Meetings
Approve **Resolution** for the **29th Supplemental** of the City of Tahlequah Code.
Appoint Cameron Greenhagen to the Abatement Board from Ward 2 for a term expiring In May 2022.

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Tahlequah Police Department.- Written report
Report from Library- Written report
Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau – Written report
Report from Chamber of Commerce – Written report
Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – Written report
Reports from City Departments:
Solid Waste – Written report
Street Department – Written report
Fire Department – Verbal report

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5. There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

6. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded on the
Placement of Canine Beau at Valor K-9's located in Kansas City Mo .

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

7. Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve
Resolution No. 08-07-17 declaring the intent of the City Council of the City of
Tahlequah to consider the designation of a portion of the City as a “**Statutory
Reinvestment Area**” and to consider **creation** of a related “**Tax Increment District**”
pursuant to Oklahoma law; **creating** the Tahlequah Local Development Act Review
Committee (“**Review Committee**”); determining membership of the review
committee members; providing for meetings of the review committee; establishing
officers; determining voting rights and quorum; directing the review committee to
consider proposed project plans and to make any findings and recommendations
required by law; directing the Tahlequah Planning Commission to consider the
proposed project plans and make any recommendations required by law; and
containing other provisions relating thereto.

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

8. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **appoint** Councilor
Combs as **representative** from the City Council to **serve** as the representative of the
governing body and the chair of the Tahlequah **Local Development Act Review
Committee**.

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

9. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve Resolution No. 08-07-17-A.

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

10. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve Resolution No. 08-07-17-B affirming the City of Tahlequah's commitment of leverage funds for the CDBG '17 Small Cities Grant application.

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

11. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** –Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive Session at 7:35pm.

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

- ❖ 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)
 - ❖ Discussion on the purchase or of **real property**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (3).
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12. Mayor Nichols **Reconvened** Regular Meeting at 8:12 pm.

13. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **hire Danya Curtis as the Finance Director at T122 Step 4** in the Managerial Department.

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

14. No action taken regarding the City's future employment Contract with the City Administrator Ed Carr,

15. No action taken on the purchase or of **real property**.

16. The **mid-month** special **meeting** will be August 21st, 2017 at 7:00pm.

17. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **Adjourn** at 8:14 pm.

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