

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting of the City Council **to order** at 7:03 pm in the City Council Chambers at 111 S. Cherokee Avenue.

2. City Clerk Deb Corn called the **roll** as follows:

Present:	Councilor Ward I	Bree Long
	Councilor Ward II	Dr. Charles Carroll
	Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

Others present: City Attorney Angela Jones, City Administrator Ed Carr, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Chief of Police Nate King, Solid Waste Superintendant Les Ford, Solid Waste Assistant Superintendent Chris Armstrong, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no comments from the public.

4. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve a request from **Boy Scout** Troop 794 to sponsor Sam's Amusements to bring a **carnival** to Tahlequah April 16 thru April 23, 2017 (opening day on April 19) on property between 4th and 5th Streets and Basin Street and Park Hill Road.

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

5. Councilor Long recommended that the City wait until the next budget cycle, since the quotes were all over-budget, to accept a **quote** for the **video** system in the **City Council Chambers**.

No action taken by Council.

6. Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson introduced **Ordinance** No. 1241-2017, **rezoning** property located at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Fifth Street and Basin Avenue, from Single-Family Dwelling District (R-1) to Open Display Commercial District (C-3). It will appear on the next agenda for action.

No action required.

7. There was no action taken to accept a **quote** for the **demolition** of the structure located at 128 N. Muskogee Avenue (Masters Hardware) since the owner had not signed a waiver.

No action taken by Council.

8. There was no action taken to consider a different entity for the 2016 **financial compilation** for audit. The City Attorney will contact the firm that was approved and let them know they are in breach of contract since the compilation was due in October 2016 and we have not received it yet. If they are not compelled to present it before the next regular meeting then the Council will pick a new entity.

No action taken by Council.

9. Councilor Carroll led the **discussion** on the following **projects**: Kaufman Park, Skate Park, Basin Street Park, River Park. He reported that the Kaufman Park Project and the Skate Park Project were moving forward, Basin Street Park Project looks good but there is more clean-up that needs to be done before mowing season. The River Park needs immediate attention because the road is eroding and he fears that it will be impossible to get to the pump station, that supplies water to the city, before the road is completely gone.

No action required.

10. Councilor Highers introduced Josh Hutchins and he addressed the Council about starting the process to **create a recycle** program. They will start by forming a committee.

No action taken by Council.

11. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve Capital Improvement Fund **Budget Amendment # 02** in the amount of \$1,298.75, received from District Attorney's office for Law Enforcement Asset Forfeitures to be used for the purchase of Law Enforcement Equipment.

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

12. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:59 pm.

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

- ❖ Discussion on the **employment** of the Catherine L. Cooper, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion on the **employment** of the Debra D. Hensley, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion on Confidential Communications between City Councilors and City Attorney in regard to the **settlement** offer on arbitration case #FMCS **Case** No. 160930-58399-6, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (4).
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13. Mayor Nichols **Reconvene** Regular Meeting at 9:10 pm.

No action required.

14. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to terminate the **employment** of Catherine L. Cooper.

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

15. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to accept the **resignation** of Debra D. Hensley.

No action taken by Council.

16. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to execute the **settlement** offer on arbitration case #FMCS **Case** No. 160930-58399-6.

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

17. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **adjourn** at 9:11 pm.

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