

**MINUTES**  
**TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 - 7:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.**

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1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting of the City Council **to order** at 7:02 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, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, News Media.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no comments from the public.

4. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to table the request to **close** sections of Muskogee and Water **Avenues** for the **Red Fern** Festival on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

Before item # 9 was discussed Drew Haley arrived at the meeting and Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded the remove the item from the table for discussion.

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

Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **close** sections of Muskogee Ave. from 6 am Friday, April 28, 2017 thru 10 pm Saturday, April 29, 2017 and Water **Avenues** from 6 am thru 4 pm on Saturday, April 29, 2017 for the **Red Fern** Festival.

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

5. Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson introduced **Ordinance** No. 1242-2017 amending the residential and commercial **landscaping** requirements. It will appear on the next agenda for action.

No action needed.

6. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded combine items # 6, 7 and 8 and to approve requesting that ODOT place signage that would restrict traffic flow to **right turn only** between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm on both sides of the **intersection** of Mimosa Lane and the by-pass, Boone Street and the by-pass and North Cedar and the by-pass.

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

7. Council voted to restrict traffic flow to **right turn only** between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm on both sides of the **intersection** of Boone Street and the by-pass in item # 6.

Action taken in item # 6.

8. Council voted to restrict traffic flow to **right turn only** between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm on both sides of the **intersection** of North Cedar and the by-pass in item # 6.

Action taken in item # 6.

9. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to waive the City Ordinance bidding requirements and approve the plans to **remodel**, upgrade and purchase of furniture for **City Hall** at a cost of \$102,000.00.

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

10. No action was taken on updated **fee schedules** for Norris Park, AMC, and the Pavilion.  
No action taken.

11. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **hire** DeAnna Hammons as a **temporary** 552-hr Managerial Assistant with a salary of \$8.25 hr and for a period from March 27 thru April 30, 2017.

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

12. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve a General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$60,705.00 to pay for the salaries of the new 10 part-time 999-hour employees added to the Park Department.

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

13. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve the **purchase** of **asphalt** from Arkhola for \$20,882.00, to complete the Kim Street Extension project.

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

Jerry Cook updated the Council on HB1374 which provides for taxation for public safety.

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14. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8:20 pm.

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

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❖ Discussion on the **employment** of Ted Kupsick, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).

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15. Mayor Nichols **reconvened** Regular Meeting at 9:21 pm.  
No action taken.

16. Councilors took no action on the **employment** of Ted Kupsick.  
No action taken.

17. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **adjourn** at 9:23 pm.

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