

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

1. **MEETING CONVENED**

Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 7:00 pm.
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 Administrator Ed Carr, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, City Attorney Angela Jones, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Airport Manager Greg Blish, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, News Media.

Invocation – Mitch Parnell.

Flag salute.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Catherine Alexander wanted to inform the Council of the deplorable condition of the public bathrooms located at Norris Park.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve the **minutes** of the March 6 and 20, 2017 City Council Meetings

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

Approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$941.10, for the March 2017 step raises

Approve **Hangar** #11 **Lease** Renewal Agreement with Campbell Family Catastrophic Illness Trust February 14, 2017.

Declare the following items from Street Department as **Surplus**: 1996 Dodge ½ Tons Pickup, 1999 Ford F150 Pickup, 1990 International 4600# Dump Truck, Tire Machine, Hiway Ex2500-14 Sand Spreader, 1995 Ford F70 Truck, 2007 Massey Ferguson 5445 Cab Tractor, 2006 Land Pride RCR 3510 Brush Hog-10', MQ Multiquip 4" Water Pump-8HP, Homelite 3" Trash Pump, Konica 3135N Copier with sorter trays (1996), Old Drill Press- Not on our inventory

Declare the following items from Emergency Management Department as **Surplus**: 2000 S-10 Chevy and a 1997 Spartan PET, RV

Reappoint Don Stucky to the **Rec Board** as the At Large Member

Acknowledge the **Retirement** of Joy James, effective May 1, 2017

Accept the **resignation** of Jeremy Stroup as a full-time laborer in **Solid Waste Services**

Accept the following **resignations** in the **Rec Department**:

Dakota Perry, Seth Campbell, Britt Dobbins, and Abigail Francis as part-time lifeguards

Kris White as a part-time 552-hr laborer

Katelyn Blair as a part-time 999-hr laborer

Hire the following:

William Patenaude, Daniel Marshall, Jonathan Crow, Ricky Lewis, and Jeremy Stephens as part-time 999-hr laborers – Clint Kelley as a part-time 552-hr laborer – all in the Rec Department and Stone Faddis as a part-time 552-hr laborer in the Park Department

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for January Employees: Greg Blish- 15 years – airport

Report from Library - none

Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau - written

Report from Chamber of Commerce - written

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association - none

Reports from City Departments: Street Department (written), Airport, Planning and Development, Ward II Councilor Dr. Charles Carroll wanted to thank the public for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Tahlequah for the last four years

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5. There were no items removed from the **consent** agenda.
No action taken.

6. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1242-2017 amending the commercial **landscaping** requirements with the exception of striking the willow tree from the prohibited list.

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

7. Council combined items # 7 and # 8. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve the updated **fee schedules** for Norris **Park**, AMC, and the **Pavilion**, and the updated **reservation** and **operating policy** for Norris Park and the Pavilion.

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

8. The updated **reservation** and operating **policy** for Norris **Park** and the **Pavilion** was approved in item # 7.

Approved in item # 7.

9. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to wait on approval until they see a revised **contract** with the **Farmers Market** at the next meeting

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

10. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire** Tyler Butler as a full-time Dispatcher in the **Police Department** at Grade 3, Step 1.

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

11. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$845,167.00 to move reserved funds for capital purchases from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund.

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

12. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve Capital Improvement Fund **Budget Amendment** # 03 in the amount of \$845,167.00 for reserves for capital projects.

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

13. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:56 pm.

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

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

14. Mayor Nichols **reconvened** Regular Meeting at 9:19 pm.

No action taken.

15. There was no action taken on the **employment** of Ted Kupsick.

No action taken.

16. The **mid-month** special **meeting** will be on April 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

No action taken.

17. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **adjourn** at 9:20 pm.

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