

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. **MEETING CONVENED**

2. Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Catron 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 Trae Ratliff (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

Others Present:

Mayor Sue Catron, City Attorney Grant Lloyd, City Clerk DeAnna Hammons,
Interim City Administrator Alan Chapman, City Treasurer Lanny Williams

Absent: Councilor Ratliff arrived at the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

3. A Public Notice of meeting was provided January 13, 2020 at 12:01 p.m at 111 S. Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK.
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4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

5. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to approve the **City of Tahlequah's continued support regarding the construction of the Veterans Memorial.**

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

6. **Presentation** from Tahlequah Area **Chamber of Commerce** of monthly report and of its June 30, 2019 **Annual Audit.**

7. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Paula Mutzig and Randy Merciez to the Tahlequah Industrial Authority Board replacing Trustee Josh Hutchins and Trustee Anna Knight.

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

- Mayor Catron pulled agenda item #20 to be heard before agenda item #8.
- **20. NO ACTION** taken related to the **City of Tahlequah's Financial Situation.**

8. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve** the extra duty **service agreement** for **services related to Finance Director duties** done by **Michele Collins**, effective September 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 at \$500 per month

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

9. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **approve** the changes regarding the procedures and testing of the **Outdoor Warning Sirens.**

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

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve the **purchase of LED trail lighting** from Voss Lighting (Statewide Contractor) at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 for CDBG 2017 contract 17037.

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

11. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to authorize the mayor and interim city administrator to hire a qualified contractor for the installation of lighting along the history trail within the budgeted amount of **CDBG 2017 contract** 17037. Selection may only be made after obtaining a minimum of three (3) quotes for labor and materials not provided by the city.

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

12. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve the trash service rate study as presented and approve **Ordinance No. 1301-2020 Amending Chapter 5 of Sanitation Department and Garbage Disposal.**

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

13. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to accepting and budgeting necessary funds for **2019 Bulletproof Vest Grant** in the amount of **\$3,385.10** of which \$1,692.55 will be matching funds.

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

14. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to accepting and budgeting necessary funds for **2019 Jag-LLE grant** in the amount of **\$10,000** for the purchase of computers within the police department.

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

15. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to leasing **the Zamboni (pending City Attorneys ruling of State Law)** from February 1 through the 8th 2020 to 5Star Productions in the amount of \$500. 5Star Production to provide proof of insurance coverage in the amount of \$25,000 and returning the Zamboni in original conditions.

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

16. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to lift moratorium to allow **advertising and/or recruiting for a Patrolman in the Police Department.**

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

17. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to lift moratorium to allow **advertising/recruiting for a Dispatcher in the Police Department.**

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

➤ Mayor Catron combined agenda items #18 and #19 to be heard together.

18. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **rescind the Step and Grade Pay Matrix**, for regular, Full-time employees, grades T111 through T123

and

19. to **accept new Step and Grade Pay Matrix**, for regular, Full-time employees, grades T111 through T123.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Highers, Mayor Catron

Abstained: Ratliff Nays: Long Motion carried

➤ **Mayor Catron pulled agenda item #20 to be heard before agenda item #8.**

20. **NO ACTION** was taken to the **City of Tahlequah's Financial Situation**.

21. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session.

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

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- ❖ Discussion pertaining to entering into a M.O.U. with FOP Lodge #201 specifically amending Article 17 of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, as provided in 25 O.S. §307 (B) (2)
 - ❖ Discussion pertaining to the 2020-2021 contract with IAFF Local 4099, as provided in 25 O.S. §307 (B) (2)
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22. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to reconvene regular session at 10:10 p.m.

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

23. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to enter into a **M.O.U. with the FOP Lodge #201** specifically amending Article 17 of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement editing the second section ... effective January 26, 2020. .

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

24. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to “**TABLE**” the **2020-2021 contract with IAFF Local 4099.**

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

25. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to adjourn meeting at 10:12 p.m.

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