

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Catron at 7:00 pm.
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

Others Present:

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

Absent: City Treasurer Lanny Williams

Invocation – Darrell Christopher – First Christian Church
Flag salute.

Public Notice of meeting provided - A Public Notice of meeting was provided January 23, 2020 at 2:36 p.m. at 111 S. Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Peggy Gann spoke regarding concerns of flooding in her neighborhood.**
 - **Dr. John Uzzo spoke regarding the Tahlequah City Hospital.**
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3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) To approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 and January 21, 2020 of the City Council meetings.
- b) **Removed by Councilor Ratliff.**

- c) To accept the resignation from John Wofford, Volunteer Firefighter, in the Fire Department, effective January 8, 2020.
- d) To accept the resignation from Tommi Fouts, Intern, in the Managerial Department, effective January 10, 2020.
- e) To accept the resignation from Christopher Brown, part-time dispatcher, in the Police Department, effective January 10, 2020.
- f) To authorize the Mayor, and/or City Attorney to sign all necessary paperwork pertaining to the acquisition of the 21-acre parcel located at the Northwest Corner of the intersection of First Street and Mission Avenue to be developed as the Mission Park as described in the 2018 Recreational Trails Program grant application.

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for **February** Employees:

- **Jimmy Fort – 15 Years – Fire Department**

Report from Library- Verbal

Report from Chamber of Commerce – Slide / Verbal

Report from Tour Tahlequah a Department of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce- Slide / Verbal

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5. Councilor Ratliff removed item (b) from consent to be heard in Regular session.

- Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve monthly check register for January 2020.

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

6. Presentation from the Farmers Market.

7. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve the Lease Agreement** with between the **City of Tahlequah and the Board of Cherokee County Commissioners** regarding **bike trail**.

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

8. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve the Final Plat for Southridge East Second Addition** located near the southwest corner of the intersection of Southridge Road and Muskogee Avenue (Highway No. 62), more particularly described as follows; A tract of land lying in and being a part of the NE4, SW4 of Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Cherokee County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a point 100.00 feet West of the East boundary and 520.00 feet South of the North boundary of said NE4, of the SW4, said point being on the West boundary of U.S. Highway No. 82; thence S00°04'29"W, along said West boundary, a distance of 212.97 feet; thence S00°04'29"W, a distance of 240.00 feet; thence S89°51'22"E, a distance of 275.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.3 acres, more or less.

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

9. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve **modifications** to Part 12, Chapter 2, Section 12-243 and Section 12-263, in adherence to the process set forth in Part 12, Chapter 2, Section 12-263 H., so long such modifications are compatible with the need to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, as it relates to the proposed **construction located at 218 N. Muskogee Avenue**, more particularly described as follows to-wit: the N1/2 of Lot 12, in Block 55, City of Tahlequah Lots, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

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

10. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve a fence up eight-foot (8') in height behind the twenty-five-foot (25') build line at the property located at 606 E. Goingsnake Street**, more particularly described as follows to-wit: Lot 2, Block 6, Oak Park Addition, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

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

11. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to lift the moratorium to allow for **advertising and recruiting for Lifeguards** in the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

12. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to lift the moratorium with respect to this agenda item and **hire Forest Lane Cobb as a patrolman 1 in the Police Department, effective February 11, 2020.**

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

13. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to lift the moratorium with respect to this agenda item and **hire Guillermo Amador as a dispatcher in the Police Department at a T112 \$13.30 per hour, effective February 11, 2020.**

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

14. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

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

- ❖ **Discussion pertaining to the 2020-2021 contract with IAFF Local 4099**, as provided in 25 O.S. §307 (B) (2)
 - ❖ **Discussion regarding confidential communications related to *City of Tahlequah v. Springwater Properties, LLC et al.*, Cherokee County Case No. CV-2018-43**, as provided by 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (3), (4), and/or (7).
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15. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to reconvene Regular Session at 9:36 p.m.

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

16. No Action was taken related the 2020-2021 contract with IAFF Local 4099.

17. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **Table** discussion and possible action related to ***City of Tahlequah v. Springwater Properties, LLC et al.*, Cherokee County Case No. CV-2018-43.**

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

18. There will be a **mid-month special meeting held Tuesday, February 18, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

19. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:37 p.m.

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