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TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 - 7:00 PM CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

2. Meeting called to order by Mayor Catron at 7:01 pm. City Clerk DeAnna Hammons Called the Roll call as follows:

Present: Councilor Ward I Bree Long

Councilor Ward II Dower Combs
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, Councilor Ward III Stephen Highers

- **3.** A Public Notice of meeting was provided February 4, 2020 at 9:16 a.m. at 111 S. Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- Dr. John Uzzo spoke regarding the Tahlequah City Hospital Authority.
- **5. Presentation** of findings pertaining to the investigative audit performed by **Arledge and Associates** and City of Tahlequah's internal review.
- **6.** Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve the Trail Building and Park Operations Agreement with **Tahlequah Trails Association**.

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

7. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to approve the **Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program as recommended.**

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

8. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **close out the FAA Airport Grant** and return the funds \$14,921.42 back to the General Fund.

Motion carried

Ayes: Ratliff, Long, Combs Nays: none

- Mayor Catron combined agenda items number 9, 10, & 11 to be heard at one time.
 - Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to close out the Department of Justice TFO-OT Grant and return \$2,000.00 back to the General Fund,
- **10.** AND to **close out the Bullet Proof Vest Grant from 2017** and return \$3,763.49 back to the General Fund,
- **11.** AND to **close out the FBI-EDOVCTF Grant** and return \$17,548.0 back to the General Fund.

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

12. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve the Amendment and Restatement of the Trust Indenture Creating the Tahlequah Industrial Authority as previously approved by 2/3 vote of the Tahlequah Industrial Authority Trustee's on February 12, 2020.

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

13. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to appoint Anna Knight and Josh Hutchins as the two new Trustees of the Tahlequah Regional Development Authority.

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

14. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

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

- ❖ 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)
- **❖** Discussion related to actions and/or inactions of City Treasurer and potential removal and/or replacement of City Treasurer, as provided by 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (1), (B) (4) and (B) (7).

15. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **reconvene Regular Session at 9:18 p.m.**

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

16. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to globally settle the **City of Tahlequah vs. Springwater Properties L.L.C.,** Cherokee County Case No. Case No. CV-2018-43 by way of offered easement, including a budget reallocation from within the storm water fund. Offered easement to be signed by Christy and Steven Springwater as authorized singers of Springwater Properties LLC and delivered to city hall no later than Friday February 21, 2020 at noon. If not accepted by the deadline, the offer will be rescinded and the City Attorney will be authorized to pursue any other legal action including imminent domain.

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

17. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to accept the resignation of Lanny Williams as the City Treasurer effective immediately and to appoint Mary Hainzinger as the City Treasurer for the remaining term.

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

18. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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