

**MINUTES**  
**TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 - 7:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.**

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**1. MEETING CONVENED**

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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 IV    Trae Ratliff

**Others Present:**

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

**Absent:** Councilor Ward III   Stephen Highers

**Invocation – Police Chief Nate King**

**Flag salute.**

2. **Public Notice of meeting provided** - A Public Notice of meeting was provided February 19, 2020 at 1:02 p.m at 111 S. Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK.
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**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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There were no comments from the public.

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**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a) To approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 and February 18, 2020 of the City Council meetings.
- b) To approve monthly check register for February 2020.
- c) To acknowledge receipt of January 2020 Financials.

- d) To accept the resignation of the following as Lifeguards in Parks and Recreation Department effective the last date worked:  
Lilly Sosa, Megan Bravo, Emma Cates, Katelyn Renfro, Kayleigh Spears, Mackenzie Jackson, Gracelyn Ross, and Ivey Baker.
- e) To accept the resignation from Neali Ferrell, Sr Lifeguard in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective February 6, 2020.
- f) Removed by Councilor Long**
- g) To accept the resignation from Brooke MacFadden, Secretary in Police Department, effective February 28, 2020.
- h) To accept the resignation from Clint Johnson, Director of Planning and Development, effective March 4, 2020.
- i) To accept the resignation from Justin Fort, effective February 25, 2020 and Kaison Denney, effective February 26, 2020, Cody Henson, effective March 4, 2020 as Laborers in the Parks and Recreation Department.
- j) To accept the self-termination from Aaron Chuculate, Laborer in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective February 21, 2020.
- k) To approve the Separation and Release Agreement as part of the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for qualified employees.
- l) To approve the transfer of Nikisha Goss from the Parks and Recreation Department to Police Secretary in the Police Department.

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

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## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

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

- Christopher McClure

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

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – written/verbal

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- 6. Councilor Long removed item “f” from consent to be heard in regular session.
  - Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to accept the resignation from Jarrett Meredith, and Emma Doss, Part Time Laborers (552) in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective February 6, 2020.

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

7. **Special presentation and recognition for exceptional actions** was presented by Fire Chief Ray Hammons and Police Chief Nate King related to the fire located at 324 State St. to the following individuals: Jonathan Waters, Betsi Morgan, Dennis W. Davis, Sergeant Bryan Qualls, Patrolman Justin Leatherwood, Patrolman Michael Gray, Captain Kenny Barnes, and Firefighter Zack Frasier.

➤ **Mayor Catron moved agenda item # 10 to be heard before agenda item #8.**

10. Councilor Long a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to approve the **upgrades needed for the packer trucks** as recommended from Allriggs L.L.C. in the amount of \$29,340 from maintenance account # 115656300 and waive the sealed bids as required by the City of Tahlequah.

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

8. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve **Red Fern 2020 Road Closures** as presented.

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

9. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **increase budget** \$15,000 due to revenue received from Cherokee Nation for purchase of Special Ops Equipment for Law Enforcement.

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

10. Agenda item was moved to be heard before agenda item #8.

11. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to approve the proposed **Purchasing Card Policy** for the City of Tahlequah.

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

12. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **lift the moratorium to advertise/recruit** part time laborers in the **Parks and Recreation Department**.

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

13. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **lift the moratorium to advertise/recruit** a **Director of Planning and Development** in the Managerial Department.

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

14. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **hire John Glasby at a T113 as driver in the Solid Waste Department**.

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

15. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to approve the **adjustment** to the **bank reconciliations** for old **outstanding checks** dated prior to fiscal year 2019-2020.

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

**16. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.**

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

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- ❖ **Presentation of the Cyber Security Terrorism Assessment**, as provided in 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (11)
  - ❖ **Discussion pertaining to the 2020-2021 contract with IAFF Local 4099**, as provided in 25 O.S. §307 (B) (2)
  - ❖ **Discussion pertaining to the 2020-2021 contract with FOP Lodge 201**, as provided in 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (2)
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**17. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to reconvene Regular Session at 11:20 pm.**

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

- **Special presentation and recognition for exceptional actions** of Kenny Barnes related to the fire located at 324 State St. was given at this time due to Mr. Barnes being on a Fire call earlier in the meeting.

**18. No action** related to the Presentation of the **Cyber Security Terrorism** Assessment.

**19. No action** related to the **2020-2021 contract with IAFF Local 4099**.

**20. No action** related to the **2020-2021 contract with FOP Lodge 201**.

**21.** There will be a mid-month special meeting held March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**22. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to adjourn meeting at 11:25 p.m.**

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