

MINUTES

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of
City Council Meeting: Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: The meeting was held by Videoconference and/or
Teleconference. *See 25 O.S. §307.1(C).*

1. MEETING CONVENED

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

2. Roll call: 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, and City Treasurer Marty Hainzinger

3. **Public Notice:** A Public Notice of meeting was provided December 3, 2019 at 4:55 p.m. to the Secretary of State of Oklahoma and additional notice was provided 9:41 a.m. on May 1, 2020.
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4. PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS:

Videoconference and/or Teleconference Access Instructions for Public Attendance at the Meeting: the Public may remotely attend this meeting by joining the Zoom meeting via the web or the Zoom app (www.zoom.us) **Access Code 967 2153 7885 Password 283771.** Materials presented electronically to Councilors that attend remotely will be made available to those Councilors via the Zoom meeting platform and/or or another digital platform. If you wish to receive a copy of any materials that are presented to the City Council via Zoom or otherwise, please submit your request to cityclerk@cityoftahlequah.com.

Videoconference and/or Teleconference Notice: This meeting will include communication by City Staff to the City Council, and those communications may be by auditory communication or by visual and auditory communication. Communication by and between the City Council and/or members of the Public may be limited to auditory only communication.

The Public may ask questions during the discussion of each agenda item by typing the word “question” along with his or her name in the chat bar and waiting to be called on. If communicating via the Zoom Videoconference and/or Teleconference, the Mayor will call

upon you to unmute yourself so that you may speak. Only questions spoken out loud may be responded to. **Please do not type out your questions in the chat bar.** Should there be any technical difficulties during the meeting please refer to the City of Tahlequah website and/or City of Tahlequah Facebook page as the City will address any issues and/or provide further instructions.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments will be accepted from the general public concerning topics that are not included in the meeting's agenda. Individuals will be limited to 3 minutes of speaking time and the cumulative total of all comments from the public shall not exceed 15 minutes. Preference will be given to Tahlequah residents. In compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, no action or discussion is permitted by the City Council on any issue or topic raised by a speaker during this public comment period.

If you wish to comment type the word "Comment" along with your name in the chat bar and wait to be called on.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) To approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020, April 20, 2020 and April 27, 2020 City Council meetings.
- b) To approve monthly check register for April 2020.
- c) To hire the following as Lifeguards in the Parks and Recreation Department effective May 11, 2020 at \$8.90 per hour: Christian Self, Gavin Ryals, Trinity Reed, Maggie Renfro, Katelyn Renfro, and Brice Miggetto.
- d) To hire Logan Curtis as a Sr. Lifeguard in the Parks and Recreation Department effective May 11, 2020 at \$9.90 per hour.
- e) To hire Ivey Baker and Katy Medlin as seasonal Part Time Laborers in the Parks and Recreation Department effective May 11, 2020 at \$8.25 per hour.
- f) To accept a \$500 sponsorship from TSET Healthy Living to help fund crosswalks for the trail system.

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

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for May Employees:

- **Bronson McNiel – 5 years – Police Department**
- **Kyle Reed – 5 years – Police Department**
- **Dexter Scott – 5 years – Police Department**
- **Aaron Palmer – 10 years – Recreation Department**
- **Eldon Graves – 15 years – Police Department**
- **Vicki Johnson – 20 years - Street Department**
- **Judge Donn Baker – 35 years – City Court**

Report from Library- no report given

Report from Chamber of Commerce- no report given (will send Director's report later)
Report from Tour Tahlequah a Department of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce-
no report given (will send Director's report later)
Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association- brief oral report given (will send
Director's report later)

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8. Discussion and **update only** from the **Tahlequah Economic Recovery Task Force**.
9. Discussion and **update only** from the **Covid-19 Task Force**.
10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to authorize the City Treasurer to **close bank accounts** related to the **self-funded health insurance plan** that ended October 31, 2019.

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

11. **No Action** was taken related to **removing Municipal Court's accounts receivable** detail for uncollectible fines for Failure to Appear Warrants (Collection Fines) **from 2001 through 2009** and/or certain fines and cost that are uncollectible for defendants that are deceased or homeless.
12. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **renew the Interlocal Agreement on the Handling of Juvenile Cases between the District Court, Fifteenth Judicial District, and the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma** for an additional year from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

13. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **accept donation** of 409 S. Water Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464 from **John D. Carey**, Karen J. Carey, **Kevin D. Dudley** and Sonya B. Dudley and **provide an easement for ingress, egress, and parking** at 404 S. Park Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464 appurtenant to 401 S. Water Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464.

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

14. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **adopt Ordinance No. 1303-2020**, an ordinance **establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services** by the Fire Department for services provided/rendered by the City of Tahlequah, OK with recommended amendments.

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

15. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded **to adopt Ordinance No. 1304-2020**, an ordinance **amending part of Chapter 2 Fire Department and Services, of Part 13, Public Safety**, of the code of ordinances of the City of Tahlequah, related to the inspection and prevention of fires.

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

16. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded **to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.**

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

❖ **Discussion pertaining to the 2020-2021 contract with IAFF Local 4099**, as provided in 25 O.S. §307 (B) (2)

17. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to reconvene Regular Session at 8:52 p.m.

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

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

19. There will be a **mid-month special meeting May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

20. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **adjourn meeting at 9:02 p.m.**

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