

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. **MEETING CONVENED**

2. Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols 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	Joshua Bliss

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Grant Lloyd, City Administrator Ed Carr, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Finance Director Danya Curtis, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Police Chief Nate King, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Human Resource Director M'Lynn Pape, Public Relations Jami Murphy, News Media Tesina Jackson.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stacy Duncan spoke regarding concerns of the condition of Mill Rd.

4. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded regarding approval of the **2019 Farmers Market Agreement** with the City of Tahlequah as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss Nays: Long, Combs, Mayor ***Motion Denied***

5. **Discussion only. Public Hearing:** Discussion related to the Oklahoma Recreational Trails Program 2019 Grant application for the purpose of acquiring real property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of **First Street and Mission Avenue**, more particularly described as follows: S2 NW4 SE4 AND THE SOUTH 55.9 FEET OF THE NE4 NW4 SE4 LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 163.7 FEET OF THE SAID NE4 NW4 SE4 ALL IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, CHEROKEE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA. 21 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

6. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **apply** for the **Oklahoma Recreational Trails Program 2019 Grant** and commit the required twenty percent matching funds, in order to acquire real property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of **First Street and Mission Avenue**, more particularly described as follows: S2 NW4 SE4 AND THE SOUTH 55.9 FEET OF THE NE4 NW4 SE4 LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 163.7 FEET OF THE SAID NE4 NW4 SE4 ALL IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, CHEROKEE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA. 21 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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

7. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **combine the Parks and Recreation departments** along with necessary structure changes to the two departments, accept the modification to the job descriptions with the noted change on page 72, and include the transfer of Charles Poteet to the Director of Parks and Recreation at a T122 Step 2.

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

8. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept the **self-demotion** of **Johnny Risley** a Mechanic in the **Solid Waste Department** from a T113 to a T111.

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

9. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **approve policies 504,505,603-605,705,802-805, and 900-902 as presented with a slight modification to Policy # 505 Section 4.3 so that it reads the Patrol Captain may request the Chief of Police to recommend dismissal.**

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

10. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to trim and/or remove trees near the **intersection of Bluff Avenue and Shawnee Street** for the purpose of visual enhancement of oncoming traffic and improvement of the sight triangle.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long Nays: Combs, Highers, Mayor ***Motion Denied***

11. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **schedule the evaluation of the City Administrator** to be completed in executive session on March 4, 2019.

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

12. No action was taken regarding a **Surplus Auction**.

13. No action was taken regarding **no left turn signs** being placed at or **around Mimosa Lane and the Bertha Parker Bypass**.

14. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **exit regular session and enter into executive session at 9:03 p.m.**

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

- ❖ Discussion related to the possible purchase and/or appraisal of real property at or around the following location: 609 Guinn Ave. and 610 Guinn Ave. all in Tahlequah, OK 74464, as provided by 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (3)
 - ❖ Discussion related to the City Administrator's evaluation, as provided by 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (1) and (2)
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15. Mayor Nichols **reconvened meeting** at 10:02 p.m.

16. **No action was taken** related to the **purchase and/or appraisal** of real property at or around the following location: **609 Guinn Ave. and 610 Guinn Ave.** all in Tahlequah, OK 74464.

17. **No action was taken** related to the **City Administrators evaluation**.

18. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **adjourn meeting** at 10:05 p.m.

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