

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2019 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 7:00 pm.
City Clerk DeAnna Hammons Called the **Roll call as follows:**

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| Present: | Councilor Ward I | Bree Long |
| | Councilor Ward II | Dower Combs |
| | Councilor Ward IV | Joshua Bliss |

Councilor Ward III Stephen Highers Arrived at 7:36 p.m.

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, Solid Waste Chris Armstrong, Public Relations Jami Murphy, News Media Tesina Jackson.

Invocation – Pastor Joe Tschirhart – Hillside Church
Flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the **minutes** of the **January 07, 2019 and January 22, 2019** City Council Meetings
Acknowledge receipt of the **Financial** Reports from November 2018 and December 2018.
To accept the resignation from Adam Richmond, as recreation labor effective January 28, 2019.

To accept the self-termination from Madison Seacatt, as part time labor effective January 29, 2019.
To accept the self-termination from Gracelyn Ross, as part time labor effective January 29, 2019.
To accept the self-termination from Amy Haak, as part time labor effective January 29, 2019.
To approve budget amendment 02/04/2019 A and reallocation.

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

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

Recognition of Years of Service for February Employees:
Reed Felts – 10 years – Police Department
Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau – verbal
Report from Chamber of Commerce – written & verbal
Reports from City Departments:
Street Department – written & verbal

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5. There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.
6. Several people spoke regarding concerns of the “ Downing Street Diet “ after a long discussion Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **replace the plans** in the My Tahlequah 2040 Comprehensive Plan **regarding the Downing Street Road Diet with a plan that encompasses all 4 lanes of traffic.**

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

- **Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to take a break at 8:56 p.m.**

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

- **Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to reconvene meeting at 9:21 p.m.**

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

7. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **adopt Ordinance No. 1274-2018, rezoning** the property located at **223 N. East Avenue**, more particularly described as Lot 2, Block 3, Less the North 18.5 Feet for highway, Moore Heights Addition, Cherokee County, Oklahoma, from Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1) to General Commercial District (C-2).

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

8. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to accept the **transfer** of the **Encumbrance clerk, Heather Torrento**, in the managerial department **to Recreation Coordinator with a change in grade and step to a T115 Step 1**, in the Parks and Recreation Department effective January 26, 2019.

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

9. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to accept the **transfer** of the Labor/ operator, Larry Blackman, **to the Foreman**, in the **Solid Waste department**, with change in grade and step to T115 Step 1 effective January 26, 2019.

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

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve the **purchase of a 6110M John Deere Tractor** with a 22' Boom Mower in the amount of \$128,991.89.

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

11. There will not be a mid- month special meeting held unless needed.

12. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to Adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

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