

MINUTES

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING

Date/Time of
City Council Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:30 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 5:31 p.m.

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 IV	Trae Ratliff
Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers

Others Present:

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

Absent: none

3. Public Notice: A Public Notice of meeting was provided February 16, 2021 at 12:19 p.m.

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: 816 1096 9159 Password: 630773** 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 are allowed to 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.

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5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Councilor Long made a comment regarding a meeting in regards to the Dog Park February 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Municipal Armory.

6. Discussion and **update** from the **Crisis Task Force**.

7. Discussion and **update** from the **Recovery Task Force**.

8. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to acknowledge receipt of the **January 2021 financials**.

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

9. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve the **Memorandum of Agreement** between the City of Tahlequah, Tahlequah Public Works, Lake Region Technology & Communications, LLC and Cherokee Nation regarding **fiber expansion efforts**.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Ratliff, Long Abstained: Combs Motion carried.

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to lift the moratorium and **hire Timothy Neugin as a Collector in the Solid Waste Department at a T112**.

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

11. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **approve the Disposal Agreement** between Waste Management of Oklahoma, Inc. and the City of Tahlequah.

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

12. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve **Resolution No. 02-18-21 adopting a Record Retention and Destruction Policy and Schedule for the Effective Management of City Documents and Records.**

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

13. Discussion regarding **Ordinance No. 1318-2021, an ordinance adding Chapter 3, Tahlequah Regional Airport Advisory Board, to Part 16 of the Code of the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and adding Sections to set forth establishment, composition and term, Removal of Members, Election of Chair, Meetings, Quorum and Failure to Attend Meetings, Minutes, and Purpose, Powers and Duties.**

14. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to confirm the following appointments and/or re-appointments to the **Tahlequah Regional Airport Advisory Board:**

- a.) Appoint Tes O'Field representing Ward I for a 5-year term ending May 2026
- b.) Reappoint Mark Hodson representing Ward II for a term ending May 2025
- c.) Reappoint James Mahaney representing Ward III for a term ending May 2024
- d.) Reappoint Louis White Representing Ward IV for a term ending May 2023
- e.) Reappoint Dower Combs at large for a term ending May 2022

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

15. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to confirm the following appointments and/or reappointments to the **Historic Preservation Board:**

- a) Appoint David Nagle at large member for a term ending May 2025
- b) Reappoint Tammy Phillips representing Ward I for a term ending May 2023
- c) Reappoint Terry Osborne representing Ward III for a term ending May 2022

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

16. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to confirm the following appointment to the **Street and Sidewalks Oversight Board:**

- a) Appoint Amber Wooten representing Ward III for a term ending November 2023

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

17. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to approve the following appointments to the **Tahlequah Regional Development Authority:**

- a.) Appoint Tony Pivic to a three year term ending February 2024 replacing Jeff Reasor
- b.) Appoint Matt Brassfield to a three year term ending February 2024 replacing Mark Gish

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

18. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded **to adjourn** meeting at 5:59 p.m.

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