

MINUTES

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING

Date/Time of
City Council Meeting: Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: The meeting was held at 111 Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK
74464 and by Videoconference and/or Teleconference. *See*
25 O.S. §307.1(C).

Members of the public, elected official, or City employee was able to attend the meeting in person with appropriate distancing or remotely by Zoom Videoconference and/or Teleconference. Instructions for remote attendance are provided below.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Catron at 5:31p.m.

2. 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

Others Present:

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

Absent: Councilor Ward IV Trae Ratliff

3. **Public Notice:** A Public notice of meeting was provided at 11:12 a.m. April 16, 2021

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 6718 6007 Password: 513614.** 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.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS –No public comments were made.**

6. Recognition of service of Councilor **Dower Combs**.

7. Presentation of **Life Saving Commendation** to **Julia Lewis**.

8. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **lift the moratorium and hire Raquel Reed as a Patrolman 3 and Bo Smith as a Patrolman 1** in the Police Department.

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

9. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **lift the moratorium and hire Anthony Pritchett at a T-112 as a Collector** in the Solid Waste Department.

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

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to acknowledge receipt of the **March 2021 financial statements**.

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

11. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **acknowledge receipt of the FY 2020 TPWA** audit.

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

12. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to accept the **STRONG Grant**.

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

13. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **approve the contract** between the City of Tahlequah and the **Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's Land Protection Division** for the Solid Waste reimbursement program.

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

14. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded authorizing the Mayor to sign an easement from **Cherokee County for waterline** construction and maintenance on the property located at 914 S College Avenue Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

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

15. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to authorize the Mayor to **sign a lease** with the **Oklahoma Department of Transportation to use highway right of way for parking at Phoenix Park**.

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

16. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve the **Resolution to amend the agreement establishing OMAG**.

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

17. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve **FAA Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**.

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

18. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to authorize the City Administrator and/or Mayor to acquire three proposals for **demolition and asbestos remediation**, not to exceed \$125,000, at **124 W. Shawnee St.**, Tahlequah, OK 74464 and select contractor for said work/services.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs Nays: Highers Motion carried

19. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to exit Regular Session and **enter into Executive Session** at 6:08 p.m.

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

❖ **Discussion related to the possible purchase, approval of purchase, and/or appraisal of real property located at or around 209 Basin Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464, as provided by 25 O.S. § 307 (B)(3).**

20. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **reconvene into Regular Session** at 6:28 p.m.

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

21. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve the purchase of real property located at 209 Basin Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464 for \$40,000.00.**

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

22. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **adjourn** at 6:30 p.m.

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