

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 6, 2022 – 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

2. Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Catron at 5:30 pm.
City Clerk Whitney Shaw called the **Roll call as follows:**

Present: Councilor Ward I Bree Long
 Councilor Ward II Keith Baker
 Councilor Ward III Stephen Highers
 Councilor Ward IV Trae Ratliff

Others Present:

Mayor Sue Catron, City Attorney Grant Lloyd, and City Administrator Alan Chapman

Absent:

Treasurer Marty Hainzinger

Invocation: Pastor Hayworth

Flag Salute

Public Notice of meeting provided - A Public Notice of meeting was provided May 27, 2022 at 2:06pm at 111 S. Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) To approve the minutes of the, May 16th 12:00 p.m. and 5:30 pm, 2022 City Council meetings.
- b) To acknowledge receipt of the March 2022 Financial Statement.

- c) To approve the monthly check register for April 2022.
- d) To approve the monthly check register for May 2022.
- e) To acknowledge receipt of the April 2022 P-Card Statement.
- f) Removed by Councilor Long.**
- g) To accept the resignation from Shawn Presley, Sergeant in the Police Department, effective May 31, 2022.
- h) To accept the resignation from Lisa Gambrell, Cashier in the Managerial Department, effective May 24, 2022.
- i) To accept the resignation from Darin Briggs, Labor/Operator in the Cemetery Department, effective May 21, 2022.
- j) To hire John Thomas Jackson, Full Time Mechanic in the Street Department at \$33,269.77, effective June 7, 2022.
- k) To hire Brian Speake, Parks and Recreation Superintendent in the Parks and Recreation Department at \$60,000.00, effective June 13, 2022.
- l) To hire Kaili Crawford, PT Laborer (552) in the Parks and Recreation Department at \$9.50 per hour, effective June 7, 2022.
- m) To hire Abbi Force, Destin McKee, Martin Falcon as Lifeguards in the Parks and Recreation Department at \$12.00 per hour.
- n) Removed by Councilor Long.**

Vote: Ayes: Long, Baker, Highers, Ratliff Nays: None Motion Carried

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Mayor Catron presented the following:

Recognition of Years of Service for June Employees:

- **Matthew Spears-Waste Management- 5 years**
- **Jarvis Stroman-Waste Management-5 years**
- **Casey Barnhart-Parks- 5 years**
- **Darrel Deckard-Maintenance- 20 years**
- Recognition of the City of Tahlequah's **Employee of the Month**, June 2022 presented by Director of Human Resources M'Lynn Pape: No Employee Named
- Report from Library-No report provided
- Report from Chamber of Commerce-No report provided
- Report from Tour Tahlequah a Department of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce-report provided via email and on website
- Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association-Verbal report provided by Jamie Hale

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6.¹ Councilor Long had removed consent items (f) and (n) to be heard in regular session.

¹ Item 7 on the Agenda was a duplicate of item 6 on the Agenda.

Councilor Ratliff made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to accept consent item **(f)** the resignation from Heather Torrento, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, effective June 3, 2022.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Ratliff, Long, Baker Nays: none Motion carried

Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to accept consent item **(n)** the appointment Mike Bingham to the Street and Sidewalk Committee replacing Lori Enlow, unexpired term ending November 2022.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Ratliff, Long, Baker Nays: none Motion carried

7. N/A (duplicate item)

8. **Public Hearing:** Discussion related to the adoption of the **City of Tahlequah FY 2022-2023 Budget**. Discussion on questions and concerns of Citizen Lt. Col. Hackworth regarding budget. No vote taken; hearing ended 5:56 p.m.

9. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded the motion to Table discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Special Olympics Oklahoma Cherokee Country**-Kent Davis use of City property for 2nd annual BBQ competition which will raise money for Special Olympics, and/or waive any associated fee.

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

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded the motion to approve the **proposal of PDG LLC d/b/a Planning Design Group** to provide master planning and landscape service related to Phoenix and Anthis-Brennan Parks.

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

11. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded the motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission **to convert Delaware Street from a two-way street to a one-way street from East to West between Muskogee Avenue and College Avenue**.

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

12. Discussion only, not vote taken on proposed **Ordinance No. 1338-2022**. An ordinance changing the zoning from R-3 (Multifamily Residential District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) for an office use and require platting on a parcel generally located on east side of Mayberry Drive, approximately 350' north of the

Mayberry Drive and West 4th street intersection, more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land lying in and being a part of the SW4 of the SW4 of Section 32, Township 17 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base Meridian, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point of the east boundary and 375.0 feet north of the southeast corner of said SW4 of the SW4; thence N 0°02'14" W Along the east boundary of said SW4 of the SW4 283.65; thence S 89°55'50" W 251.45 feet; thence in a southwesterly direction on a curve to the right, having a radius of 249.67 feet, the chord being S 19°02'48" W 33.14 feet, an arc distance of 33.16 feet, thence S 22°51'07" W 182.05 feet, thence in a southwesterly direction on a curve to the left, have a radius of 217.73 feet, the chord begin S 11°23'31" W 86.38 feet, an arc distance of 86.96 feet; thence N 89°55'50' E 350.21 feet to the point of beginning, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

David Igert, representing the Cherokee Nation Housing Authority present for discussion.

13. Discussion only, no vote taken on proposed **Ordinance No. 1339-2022**. An ordinance changing the zoning from R-3 (Multifamily Residential District) to C-2 (General Commercial District) for warehousing and require platting, on approximately 8 acres of land generally located 660' north of West 4th Street between Mayberry Drive and Hillcrest Avenue, more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land in the W2 of the SW4 of the SE4 of the SW4 and in the NW4 of the SE4 of the SW4 of Section 32, Township 17 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southwest corner of said W2 of the SW4 of the SE4 of the SW4; thence N 0°04'34" W, 1322.51 feet to the southwest corner of Stone Meadows Re-plat, Cherokee County, Oklahoma; thence N 89°57'19E, 292.18 feet to the Northwest Corning of Savannah Park Subdivision, City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; thence S 0°06' E, 240.00 feet; thence N 89°58' E, 320.00 feet, thence N 0°06' W, 100.00 feet, Thence N 89°58' E, 50.00 feet to a point on the west boundary of the Ridgecrest West Subdivision, City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; thence S 0°07'49" E, along the boundaries of the Ridgecrest West Subdivision and Pamela Hills Addition, City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, 520.75 feet to the southeast corner of said NW4 of the SE4 of the SW4, thence S 89°55'45" W 331.47 feet to the northeast corner of said W2 of the SW4 of the SE4 of the SW4; thence S 0°02'04" E, 661.26 feet to the southeast corner of said W2 of the SW4 of the SE4 of the SW4; thence S 89°54'21" W, 330.86 feet to the point of beginning, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

Less and Except The W2 of the SW4 of the SE4 of the SW4 of Section 32, Township 17 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base Meridian, City of Tahlequah, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

14. Discussion only, no vote take on proposed **Ordinance No. 1340-2022**. An ordinance changing the zoning from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to C-2 (General Commercial District) for a childcare center located at 711 Butler Street, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 6 & 7 Block 1, Butler Subdivision, City of Tahlequah, Cherokee County, Oklahoma

15. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 6-6-2022**, a resolution calling for a special election to elect a City Clerk for the unexpired term ending May 4, 2025.

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

16. There will be a June Mid-Month Special Meeting set for June 21, 2022 at 5:30p.m. for the purpose of considering the passing the 2022-2023 budget, among other thing.

17. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers second to adjourn meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Ratliff, Long, Baker, Highers Nays: none Meeting Adjourned