

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Catron at 7:01 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	Trae Ratliff

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Grant Lloyd, City Administrator Ed Carr, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Human Resource Director M'Lynn Pape, IT Department Randy Powell, Administrative Assistant Tesina O'Field, Public Relations Jami Murphy.

Invocation – John Rozell – Cherokee Nation Indian Child Welfare

Flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Worth – Requested update on 2013 Bond.

Nelda Littlejohn – Comments in favor of veterans, i.e. “a man defending our country should make more than a man with a helmet playing football”

Nancy Dyson- requested the City offer other avenues of notices and/or dissemination of information in addition to relying on the local Newspaper for Public Notices as there are some residents that do not subscribe.

Louise Porter – Public Affairs Specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration office of disaster assistance provided inform regarding disaster relief for individuals and small businesses.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Removed by Councilor Ratliff

- b. Removed by Councilor Long
- c. To accept the **self-termination** from Alex Walker, as part time labor in the Parks and Recreation Department effective April 5, 2019.
- d. To accept the **self-termination** from Kelby Lenard, as part time labor in the Parks and Recreation Department effective April 8, 2019.
- e. To accept the **resignation** from Kari Van Wyk, as a dispatcher in the Police Department effective June 20, 2019.
- f. To **hire** Drew Morgan, as part time laborer (552) in the Parks and Recreation Department.
- g. To **reappoint** Dan Cott as a trustee to the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System Board of Trustees.

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Announcements:

- Fire Chief Hammons reported that the City Fire Department was provided an award for being a member of the state firefighters organization for over 100 years.

Recognition of Years of Service for July Employees:

- Chris McClure – 10 years Fire Department

Report from Chamber of Commerce - Written

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – Written

Reports from City Departments:

Street Department – Written

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- 5. Councilor Ratliff removed item a and Councilor Long removed item b from consent to be heard in regular session.

- a. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to approve the June 3, 2019 minutes as modified.

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

- b. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to acknowledge the May financial report.

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

- 6. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **support** the **Tahlequah Veterans Council** and the Creation of the **Tahlequah Veterans Memorial**.

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

7. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **Reallocate and Amend** the 2019-2020 Budget to correct the omission of lease purchase item for Street Department.

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

8. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to Table the Airport board's recommendation to approve Tom Farmer to **begin construction of and build a private hanger** on site number 37 on the airport layout following the build plans that Mr. Farmer has provided.

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

9. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor long seconded to accept an **agreement** between the City of Tahlequah and **NOPFA**.

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

➤ **Mayor combined agenda item number 10 and 11 to be heard at the same time.**

10. No action was taken to **renew** the contract with **Scott Media and/or enter into an agreement with Scott Media for videography services.**

11. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **renew** the contract with **Barnard Media for videography services under the same terms as last year's Agreement for Services modifying the Term to from July 1, 2019 and extend through June 30, 2020 and Compensation to reflect an additional \$200.00 fee for the 1st hour and \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter for none City Council meetings done on as requested basis by the Public Relations Specialist and City Administrator.**

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

➤ **Mayor called for a break at 8:47 p.m.**

➤ **Reconvened meeting at 8:55 p.m.**

➤ **Councilor Long excused herself from the Council Meeting during the break.**

12. Discussion item only. Discussion to adopt **Ordinance No. 1286-2019**, rezoning the property located at 280 N. Legion Drive , from Single Family Dwelling District (R-1) to Open Display Commercial District (C-3), for the following real estate to-wit: A tract or parcel of land described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the SW/4 of SE/4 of SE/4 of Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 22 East; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of said 10 acres tract a distance of 150 feet; thence Northerly to the South Boundary line of State Highway No. 10 which is also Federal Highway No. 62; thence Southwesterly along said Southerly line of State Highway 10 and Federal Highway No. 62 to the West line of said 10 acre tract, thence Southerly, along the West line of said 10 acre tract, to the Point of Beginning , less highway on South Side of tract; less the South 150 feet thereof, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

13. Discussion item only. Discussion to adopt **Ordinance No. 1287-2019** and the corresponding **Resolution authorizing** the calling and holding of **an election in the City of Tahlequah**, Cherokee County, State of Oklahoma for the purpose of submitting to the registered qualified electors of the City Tahlequah, Cherokee County, Oklahoma, the question of their approval or rejection of **Ordinance No. 1287-2019 related to levy of a one-half of one percent (1/2%) City Sales Tax to provide funds for the construction, improvement, maintenance, operation, and repair of City roads, bridges, sidewalks, and public infrastructure.**
14. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **exit regular session** and enter into **executive session** at 9:40 p.m.
Vote: Ayes: Combs, Highers, Ratliff Nays: none Motion carried.
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❖ **Discussion pertaining to the 2019-2020 contract with the FOP Lodge 201, as provided in 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (2).**

➤ **Mayor Catron reconvened meeting at 9:55 p.m.**

15. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to approve the 2019-2020 contract with the FOP Lodge 201.
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Ratliff, Combs Nays: none Motion carried.
16. No date was set for a special mid-month meeting.
17. Councilor Ratliff made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **adjourn meeting at 9:59 p.m.**
Vote: Ayes: Ratliff, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.