

MINUTES

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING

Date/Time of

City Council Meeting:

Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Place of Meeting:

The meeting was held at 111 Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464 (voting members of the public body were present in person) and by Videoconference and/or Teleconference.

All voting members of the public body attended the meeting in person, any member of the public, nonvoting elected officials, and/or City staff 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 5:32 p.m.

2. City Clerk DeAnna Hammons called the Roll call as follows:

Present:

Councilor Ward I	Bree Long
Councilor Ward II	Keith Baker
Councilor Ward IV	Trae Ratliff

Others Present:

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

Absent: Councilor Stephen Highers

3. **Public Notice:** A Public Notice of meeting was provided July 8, 2021 at 12:59 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS:**

Videoconference and/or Teleconference Access Instructions for Public Attendance at the Meeting: the public, nonvoting elected officials, and City staff may remotely attend this meeting by joining the Zoom meeting via the web or the Zoom app (www.zoom.us) **Access Code 839 7361 9716 Password 374955**. If you wish to receive a copy of any materials that are presented to the City Council, please submit your request to cityclerk@cityoftahlequah.com.

Videoconference and/or Teleconference Notice: This meeting may include communication by members of the public, nonvoting elected officials, and/or City staff to the City Council, and those communications may be by auditory communication or by visual and auditory communication.

Those attending via the Zoom Videoconference 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 – Pastor Joe Tschirhart of Hillside Church provided an invocation; there were no other public comments.**

6. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Baker seconded to approve the minutes of the June 7 & June 21, 2021 City Council meetings.

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

7. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Baker seconded to approve the monthly check register for June 2021.

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

8. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to acknowledge receipt of financial statements for May 2021.

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

9. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept the resignation of Christian Self, Lifeguard, in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective June 24, 2021.

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

10. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Baker seconded to accept the resignation of Daisy Bevilacqua, Lifeguard, in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective June 19, 2021.

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

11. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Baker seconded to accept the resignation of Jerry Watson (Retirement-12 years of service), Volunteer Firefighter, in the Fire Department, effective July 1, 2021.

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

12. Councilor Baker made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept the resignation of Loyd Hubbard (Retirement-17 years of service), Labor/Operator, in the Street Department, effective August 31, 2021.

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

13. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Baker seconded to lift the moratorium and hire Kenneth Bridges as a Part Time Laborer (Animal Control) in the Managerial Department at \$10.50 per hour.

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

14. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Baker seconded to approve the contract between the City of Tahlequah and Pierce Property Maintenance in relation to the City's desire to **outsource mowing and upkeep of the bypass** during the 2021-2022 mowing season as described in Bid #2021-02.

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

15. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Baker seconded to approve a Lease Agreement with SAC County Nutrition Project related to the Senior Citizens Building located at 230 E. 1st Street, Tahlequah, OK 74464.

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

16. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to entering into a real estate contract with William Looney to purchase real property for \$1.00 and to pay associated closing costs and appraisal not to exceed \$1,521.00 for an unimproved property generally located on the west side of White Avenue approximately 430 feet south of the Mimosa Lane and White Avenue intersection, more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land lying in the NW4 of SE4 of Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 22 East, Cherokee County, Oklahoma, particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point 675.00 feet North and 152.00 feet West of the Southeast corner of NW4 SE4; thence N 0°23'W, 95.0 feet; thence N 89° 43' W, 112.0 feet; thence S 0°23' E, 95 feet; thence S 89° 43' E, 112.0 feet to the Point of Beginning

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

17. Recognition was given to the City of Tahlequah's **Employee of the Month**, Taylor Tannehill, for July 2021.

28. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **promote Bryan Qualls from Sergeant to Lieutenant** and adjust pay accordingly per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 1, 2021.

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

29. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve the **purchase of fully automated truck** in the amount of \$234,000 under state contract SW035t.

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

30. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to exit **Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.**

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

❖ Discussion pertaining to the 2021-2022 contract with IAFF Local 4099, as provided in 25 O.S. §307 (B) (2).

31. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to reconvene Regular Session at 8:08 p.m.

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

32. No action was taken pertaining to the 2021-2022 contract with IAFF Local 4099.

33. There will be Special Meetings/Workshops of the City Council held on July 16 and 30, 2021 in the AMC both starting at 12:00 p.m. and a Special Mid-Month will be held July 19, 2021 in Council Chambers starting at 5:30 p.m.

34. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor seconded to **adjourn meeting at 8:11 p.m.**