

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2015 – 5:00 PM

1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting of the City Council **to order** at 5:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 111 S. Cherokee Avenue.

2. City Clerk Deb Corn called the **roll** as follows:

Present:	Councilor Ward I	Diane Weston
	Councilor Ward II	Dr. Charles Carroll
	Councilor Ward III	Maurice Turney
	Councilor Ward IV	Linda Spyres

Others present: City Treasurer Lanny Williams, City Attorney Park Medearis, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Administrative Assistant Amy Scott, Stormwater Manager Clint Johnson, Police Chief Nate King, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Emergency Management Assistant Director Mike Underwood, Mike Fisher from Animal Control, Street Department Superintendant Wally Henry, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Shannon Dawson would like the City to implement a program where owners of private security cameras can register them online with the police department.

4. So that the ruling from Animal Control could stand as is the Council took no action on a request from Barbara Perez, at 304 Dogwood, to **appeal** the decision of Animal Control to **ban** her **dog** from the City.

No action taken by Council.

5. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **approve** the **plat** for Woodlands of Southridge, located west of the intersection of Mill Road and Southridge Road.

Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.

6. Clinton Johnson presented **Ordinance** No. 1225-2015, **rezoning** property located south of the intersection of East Fourth Street and South Cedar Avenue from Single Family District (R-1) to Planned Unit Development District (PUD). It was the presentation of the ordinance. It will appear on the next agenda for possible action.

No action taken.

7. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to approve the **Plat** for the **Edgewater Addition** located South of the intersection of East Fourth Street and South Cedar Avenue.

Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.

8. Clinton Johnson presented **Ordinance** No. 1223-2015, **rezoning** property located at the east side of Plaza Drive near the intersection with Ward Street, all of Lot 8 in Block 4 of the Hillside Plaza Addition from Single Family District (R-1) to Multiple-Family District (R-3). It was the presentation of this ordinance. It will appear on the next agenda for possible action.

No action taken.

9. Clinton Johnson presented **Ordinance** No. 1224-2015, **rezoning** property located at the east side of Plaza Drive near the intersection with Ward Street, all of Lot 9 in Block 4 of the Hillside Plaza Addition from Single Family District (R-1) to General Commercial District (C-2). It was the presentation of this ordinance. There will be a correction to fix an error in the new zoning to read Commercial District (C-1) instead of Multiple-Family District (R-3). It will appear on the next agenda corrected.

No action taken.

10. Council discussed a **Memorandum of Understanding** between the City of Tahlequah and the **Cherokee Nation**, as part of the Cherokee Nation's annual **road inventory**, to include Main Parkway, most of Airport Parkway and Woodmark Access Road. The Woodmark Access Road belongs to the Tahlequah Industrial Trust Authority and will have to be dedicated to the City at the next Trust meeting and then it will return to Council for approval.

No action taken by Council.

11. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **accept grant award** from Department of Justice in the amount of \$737.00 and **approve** the **Grant Budget** in the amount of \$737.00.

Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

12. After lengthy discussion between Mayor, Council and Concerned Citizens, Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to take no action concerning the Oklahoma **State Auditor's Investigative Report**.

Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.

13. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **appoint** Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Police Chief Nate King, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty and City Attorney Park Medearis as the Management Negotiating Members and Kevin Smith as Chief **Negotiator** for the 2015-2016 Agreement with **FOP** Lodge 201.

Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.

14. Councilor made the motion and Councilor seconded to **appoint** Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty and City Attorney Park Medearis as the Management Negotiating Members and Kevin Smith as the Chief Negotiator for the 2015-2016 Agreement with **IAFF** Local 4099.

Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.

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15. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 6:41 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

- ❖ Discussion on the purchase or appraisal of **real property**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (3).
- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a Recreation Director in the **Rec Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a laborer/operator in the **Street Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a full-time Firefighters in the **Fire Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).

- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a full-time Firefighters in the **Fire Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
- ❖ Discussion on **Agreement** between the City of Tahlequah and International Association of **Fire Fighters** Local 4099 for FY 2015-2016, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (2).
- ❖ Discussion on **Agreement** between the City of Tahlequah and Fraternal **Order of Police** Lodge 201 for FY 2015-2016, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (2).

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16. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 8:33 pm.
 Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
17. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to authorize the Mayor to send out letters for the purchase of property on West Fourth Street.
 Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
 Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to purchase Parcel # 28, 303 Dogwood, for \$67,000.00.
 Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
18. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **hire** Cathy Cooper as a Recreation Director in the **Rec Department** at Grade 8, Step 1, pending passage of physical and drug test.
 Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.
19. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **hire** Clint Goad as a laborer/operator in the **Street Department** at Grade 3, Step 1, pending passage of physical and drug test.
 Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
20. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **hire** Anthony Margarite as a full-time Firefighter in the Fire Department with a starting salary of \$14.21 per hour, pending passage of physical and drug test.
 Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
21. Councilor made the motion and Councilor seconded to **hire** David Craig as a full-time Firefighters in the **Fire Department** with a starting salary of \$14.21 per hour, pending passage of physical and drug test.
 Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
22. No action was taken on **Agreement** between the City of Tahlequah and International Association of **Fire Fighters** Local 4099 for FY 2015-2016.
 No action taken by Council.
23. No action was taken on **Agreement** between the City of Tahlequah and Fraternal **Order of Police** Lodge 201 for FY 2015-2016.
 No action taken by Council.
24. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **adjourn** at 8:39 pm.
 Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.