

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** – Mayor Nichols at 7:02 pm.
The 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: Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Administrative Assistant Amy Scott, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Police Chief Nate King, Solid Waste Superintendent Les Ford, Emergency Management Director Mike Underwood, Stormwater Manager Clinton Johnson, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, News Media Josh Newton.

Invocation – Pastor Sean Ross from Tahlequah Bible Church.

Flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Col. S. L. Hackworth presented his recommendations for improvements to Downing Street.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to pull the following item: Accept the **self-termination** of the following from the **Rec Department**: Kayla Herrin, Keith Williamson, Alec Cochran, Jaylee Duffield, Krystal Herrin, Steven Jamison, Aaron Crawley, Trenton Boston, Corey Cordray and approve the remaining consent agenda as follows:

Approve the **minutes** of the March 2 and March 24, 2015 City Council Meetings

Acknowledge receipt of February 2015 **Financial Report**

Approve General Fund Budget Reallocation in the amount of \$1,263.24 for the March 2015 step raises

Accept the **self-termination** of the following from the **Park Department**: Samantha Butler, Thomas Jackson, Chase Vanover, Heather Deckard, Michelle Moss, Sarah Wright, Charles Tannehill, Elizabeth Ellis, Brett Manus, Randal Neugin, Jayson Steeley, Kyler Welch, Stephanie Hammons, Justin Mathis, Colton Wright, Robert Blackman, Zachery Lyman, Jeral Keener, Cody Henson, Kyle Easter, Jeremy Jones, Cody Howard, Eric Davis

Accept the **resignation** of Nick Perkins as a dispatcher in the **Police Department**, effective 04/12/2015

Accept the **resignation** of Tony Aguilar as a patrolman in the **Police Department**, effective 04/04/2015

To accept the **termination** of Ben Ridley in the **Solid Waste** Services effective 03-24-2015

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Report from Library - none

Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau – Mellissa Harris

Report from Chamber of Commerce – Dr. Turner/Bree Long

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – Drew Haley

Reports from City Departments: Street Department, IT Department, Fire Department, Stormwater Management, Solid Waste Services, Emergency Management, Police Department

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5. Councilor made the motion and Councilor seconded to pull Krystal Herrin from the list and accept the **self-termination** of the following from the **Rec Department**: Kayla Herrin, Keith Williamson, Alec Cochran, Jaylee Duffield, Steven Jamison, Aaron Crawley, Trenton Boston, Corey Cordray

No action taken.

6. No action was taken on a request from Rita Ortega to **waive** one of the **dumpster fees** on the dumpster at 111 & 111 ½ W. Keetoowah.

No action taken.

7. Marvin Bechtol did not appear so there was no action taken on his request to place “**No Parking Signs**” in the **alleyway** between Goingsnake and Ward Streets and off of Maple Avenue.

No action taken.

8. Janice Eddlemon was not present to ask for **de-annexation** from the City of Tahlequah on property located on the corner of Allen & Bryant Roads. She may bring her request back at a later meeting.

No action taken.

9. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **waive** the itinerant vendor **fees** for the Good Food Festival (April 10-11) and the Red Fern **Festival** (April 25-26).

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

10. There was discussion on the State Statutes that said the City could not pay expenses from previous fiscal years and also concerning the fact that there were no Purchase Orders for some of the claims. No action was taken to **pay** past due **amount** of \$1,346.97, **claimed** by Tahlequah Daily Press, for previous fiscal years.

No action taken.

11. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to enter into a contract with Childers Architect Inc. for **architectural services** for the remodeling of the Morgan Street Community Building located at 120 East Morgan Street, also known as the “**Green Building**”.
- Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
12. Rob Frank (Owner of Bluebird Resorts) requested to enter into a **lease** agreement with Bluebird Resorts to lease the Tahlequah City **River Park**. There was some discussion on how much of the property the City actually owned. There were other parties also interested in leasing the property. The Council would like a survey done to see what the City actually owns before they discuss leasing it.
- No action taken.
13. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **establish** Safe Routes to School **Grant** Fund, **accept** Oklahoma Department of Transportation Grant **Award** of \$217,025.00, approve **cash loan** of \$217,025.00 and **approve** the Grant **budget** of \$217,025.00.
- Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.
14. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **appoint** Steve Worth and Anna Knight to the **Industrial Trust** Authority.
- Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
15. The **mid-month** special **meeting** will be on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
- No action taken.
16. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded **adjourn** at 9:02 pm.
- Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.