

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting of the City Council **to order** at 7:00 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 Attorney Park Medearis, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Stormwater Manager Clint Johnson, Police Chief Nate King, Emergency Management Director Mike Underwood, Street Commissioner Mike Corn, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Solid Waste Services Superintendent Les Ford, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Rec Director Cathy Cooper, News Media Josh Newton.

Mayor Nichols took a moment to present plaques to Councilor Maurice Turney and Councilor Linda Spyres for their past service to the City.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
There were no comments from the public.
4. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **enter** into a **Public Hearing**.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: There were questions from Councilors and the public for the Department of Commerce representative, Gary Wesselhoft (who will be in charge of the grant), and the architect for the project, on changing the scope of the 2013-2014 CDBG Small Cities Grant Project from street to community center. All questions were answered.

5. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **exit Public Hearing**.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
6. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **change** the **scope** of the 2013-2014 CDBG Small Cities **Grant** Project from street to community center.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
7. Discussion on Ordinance No. 1227-2015, **rezoning** property located at the Southwest corner of the intersection of North Legion Drive and Old River Road, from Single Family Residential (R-1) to General Commercial District (C-2), was delayed because the Planning & Zoning Commission tabled the item.

No action taken.

8. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **reject bids** for the Park **Signs** for Anthis-Brennan **Sports Complex** from Zenith Construction. Zenith Construction was the only bid received and they would like to see more companies bid on the project.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Spyres Nays: Weston, Turney, Nichols Motion denied.
After further discussion on how the city had went above and beyond on publication to **accept bids** on the project Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to accept the base bid, Alternate 1 bid and Alternate 2 bid from Zenith Construction in the total amount of \$48,211.00 for signs at the Anthis-Brennan Sports Complex.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Weston, Nichols Nays: Carroll, Spyres Motion carried.
9. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to no **waive** the **bidding** process and accept the lowest quotes on the **Boone Street project**. After discussion the motion and second were withdrawn. Councilor Carroll made the motion to waive the bidding process and accept the lowest quote on the Boone Street project but it died for lack of a second.
No action was taken.
10. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **install** a **precast** wall on City owned property located on E. **4th Street** subject to specifications from and engineer and council approval.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
11. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to approve the **appointment** of Dr. Bradley Montgomery Anderson to the **Library Board**.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
12. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to acknowledge the **retirement** of Street Commissioner Mike Corn from the **Street Department**, effective July 31, 2015.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
13. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **hire** Wayne Ryals as an interim Street Commissioner for the **Street Department** effective until May 2017.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.
14. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **hire** Austin Lammons as the Events and Facilities Coordinator in the **Rec Department**, with a starting salary of \$22,135.00 at Grade 3, Step 1, pending passage of physical and drug test.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: Carroll Motion carried.
15. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to approve the **Hours** of Operation and the **fee** schedules for the **Aquatic Center**.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
16. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **add** 3 new **lifeguard positions** to the Rec Department.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
17. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **promote** Brad Robertson from a Patrolman to a Sergeant in the **Police Department** with a salary of \$39,081.00.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.

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18. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8:22 pm.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
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- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a full-time Patrolman in the **Police Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
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19. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 8:45 pm.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
20. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **hire** Dexter Scott as a full-time Patrolman in the **Police Department** with a starting salary of \$36,139.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$36,739.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$37,339.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
21. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **hire** Bronson McNeil as a full-time Patrolman in the **Police Department** with a starting salary of \$36,139.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$36,739.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$37,339.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test starting May 26, 2015.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.
22. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **hire** Kyle Reed as a full-time Dispatcher in the **Police Department** with a salary of \$22,135.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$22,735.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$23,335.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
23. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **hire** Kim Perry as a full-time Dispatcher in the **Police Department** with a salary of \$22,135.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$22,735.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$23,335.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
24. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **adjourn** at 8:49 pm.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: Turney Motion carried.