

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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 7:02 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	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

Others present: City Attorney Park Medearis, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Administrative Assistant Amy Scott, Police Chief Nate King, Emergency Management Director Mike Underwood, Street Commissioner Mike Corn, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Rec Director Cathy Cooper, Building Inspector Mark Secratt, News Media Josh Newton.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
Dr. Grimes voiced his concern about the Council passing Policies that do not have any real consequences if violated.
4. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to elect Councilor Weston as **Council President**.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: Weston by abstention Motion carried.
5. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **make** Spring Street a **one-way street**, going west, from Muskogee Avenue to the north/south alleyway between Morgan and Spring Streets.
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Carroll Nays: Weston Motion carried.
6. Leslie Hannah and Ronnie Hendrickson presented a list of **improvements** needed at Phoenix **Park**. After discussion it was recommended that they coordinate with Rec Director Cathy Cooper and bring back more specific recommendations for the Council to act on.
No action taken.
7. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **allow** Tahlequah Main Street Association to **sell** strong **beer** and wine during the Arts on the Avenue **Festival** on June 12-13, 2015.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried.
8. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to forego the need for a 3rd quote and accept a **quote** from Garland Eden in the amount of \$14,450.00 to **demolish** 6 **structures** on Lee Street. The money will come from Operating Reserve.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

9. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to give City Attorney Park Medearis authority to bid, up to the amount of the City lien, on property (Miller LTS 3, 4 & S 62' LT 5 BLK 2) at the **Sale of Real Estate for Delinquent Tax**. The sale will be June 8, 2015.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.

10. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **appoint** Joshua Bliss and Dr. Mary Carlile to the Tahlequah City **Hospital Authority** and to re-appoint Gary Chapman.

Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Highers Nays: Bliss by abstention Motion carried.

11. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve 1146.5 hours of Mike Corn's **unused sick leave** earned as an **employee**.

Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried.

12. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to approve the **lease renewal** with Oklahoma Department of Corrections for space located at **311 S. Muskogee Ave.**

Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

13. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to make the **Emergency Management Director** a **full-time** position at Grade 9.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.

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14. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8:49 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Weston, Carroll, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.

- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a full-time Events Coordination in the **Rec Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a full-time patrolman in the **Police Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a part-time lifeguard in the **Recreation Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a part-time lifeguard in the **Recreation Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a part-time laborer in the **Recreation Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
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15. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 9:11 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried.

16. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **hire** Debra Hensley as a full-time Events Coordination in the **Rec Department** with a starting 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, Highers, Bliss, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

17. Councilor made the motion and Councilor seconded to **hire** Chase Reed as a full-time patrolman in the **Police Department** with a 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: Highers, Bliss, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.

At this time the Council combined items 18 and 19 and approved with one motion.

18. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire** Abigail Francis and Maggie Lofton as a part-time lifeguards in the **Recreation Department** with a salary of \$8.90 per hour, pending passage of physical and drug test.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Weston, Carroll, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.

19. The motion to **hire** as a part-time lifeguard in the **Recreation Department** was covered in item # 18.

No action needed.

20. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **hire** Trenton Boston as a part-time laborer in the **Recreation Department** with a salary of \$8.95 per hour, pending passage of physical and drug test.

Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

21. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **adjourn** at 9:15 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.