

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** – Mayor Nichols at 7:00 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	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

Others present: City Attorney Park Medearis, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Police Chief Nate King, Emergency Management Director Mike Underwood, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, News Media Josh Newton.

Invocation – City Attorney Park Medearis.
Flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Bliss wanted to pull the following item from the consent agenda to discuss in Regular Session:
Approve the renewal **contract** with DeGeorge Enterprises Inc. for the filming of the City Council Meetings

Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to approve the rest of the consent agenda as follows:

Approve the **minutes** of the May 4 and 16, 2015 City Council Meetings

Acknowledge receipt of April 2015 **Financial Report**

Approve the updated **by-laws** of the Tahlequah City **Fire Department**

Approve Bond Improvement Fund II **Budget Amendment** in the amount of \$3,925.47, due to calculation error in Budget Amendment #1 dated 01-08-14 to budget funds from bond issue

Accept the **retirement** of Norma Landers in the **Managerial** Department, effective June 25, 2015

Accept the **resignation** of Jake Keys in the **Police** Department, effective May 23, 2015

Accept the **resignation** of Chad Harlan in the **Parks** Department, effective May 21, 2015

Accept the **resignation** of Carson Lemon-Younger in the **Rec** Department, effective May 24, 2015

Accept the **resignation** of Colton Boston in the **Rec** Department, effective May 17, 2015

Approve Capital Improvement Fund **Budget Amendment** # 05 in the amount of \$4,720.50, to increase budget due to revenue received from Cherokee County Law Enforcement Asset Forfeitures for the purchase of Special Ops Equipment

Promote Austin Robertson in the **Parks Department**, from a part-time 999-hr laborer to a full-time laborer at a Grade 2, Step 1

Promote Fisher Eastham from a 552-hr laborer to a 999-hr laborer in the **Parks Department** with a salary of \$8.95 an hour

Hire Kaison Denny as a part-time 552-hr laborer in the **Parks Department** with a salary of \$8.25 an hour, pending passage of physical and drug test

Accept the **self termination** of Kim Perry in the **Police Department**

Accept the **resignation** of Jordan Whitekiller in the **Rec Department**

Hire John King as a part-time 552-hr laborer in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.25 an hour, pending passage of physical and drug test

Accept the **resignation** of Kenneth Nein in **Solid Waste Services**

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for June Employees: Chris Smith – Police Department – 15 yrs.

Report from Historic Preservation Board – Beth Herrington

Report from Library – Robin Mooney

Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau – will be on mid-month

Report from Chamber of Commerce – Bree Long

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – Drew Haley

Reports from City Departments: Fire Department, Street Department, IT Department, Police Department, Emergency Management

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5. There was further discussion on the approval of the renewal **contract** with DeGeorge Enterprises Inc. for the filming of the City Council Meetings. Councilor Bliss would like to see the all meetings live streamed and if we approved this contract we would be obligated for a year. It was decided to renew the contract and work toward getting the meetings live streamed. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve the agreement with DeGeorge Enterprises Inc. with the amendment clarifying the recording all Regular and Special Meetings of the City Council.

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

6. Mayor Nichols **presented** the Proposed **Budget** for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
No action required.

7. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve **Resolution** No. 06-01-15, supporting a **housing** development near the northwest intersection of Cedar Avenue and Bypass 82.

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

8. City Attorney Park Medearis advised the Council that they could not **waive** the dumpster **fees** for Habitat for a Humanity project.

No action taken.

9. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **accept** the Tahlequah B.E.S.T. Community Coalition **Grant**, **establish** the grant **fund**, **approve** the \$6,000.00 **loan** and approve the grant budget.

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

10. A special **meeting** and Public Hearing for the budget will be on June 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

No action taken.

11. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **adjourn** at 8:58 pm.

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