

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2014 – 7:00 PM

1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting **to order** at 7:00 pm.
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
Absent:	Councilor Ward IV	Linda Spyres

Others present: City Attorney Park Medearis, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Administrative Assistant Eileen Crouch, Police Chief Nate King, Recreation Director Melissa Harris, Stormwater Manager Clint Johnson, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
There were no comments from the public.
4. Councilor Weston made the motion to approve a **Petition for Detachment** of Municipal Territory filed by Kent and Kara Rountree. The motion died for lack of a second. No other motions were made.
No action taken by Council.
5. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve **audit** of the general purpose financial statements of the City of Tahlequah for the period ending June 30, 2013, presented by Michael Green, CPA.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
6. Council agreed to implement a **beautification award program**, entitled “Lazarus Project”, pertaining to all residential and commercial property within the city limits of Tahlequah. A Committee will be appointed to review applicants and pick award winners.
No action taken by Council.
7. Stormwater Manager Clinton Johnson presented **Ordinance** No. 1215-2014, **rezoning** property located behind Green Country Cinema and Heritage Senior Center. The rezone is from R-1 to C-1 and Councilor Spyres recommended that it be designated as Special Use for a nursing home. It will appear on the next agenda for action.
No action required by Council.
8. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **approve** the final **plat** for Crossroads Subdivision, located at 2143 Mahaney Ave.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.
9. Tahlequah **Aquatic** Center **update** by Rec Director Melissa Harris.

No action required by Council.

10. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to approve a **contract** with the NSU **Men's Rugby** Team for the 2014 Spring Games.

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

11. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to approve a Land and **Right-of-Way Acquisition Agreement** between Pinnacle Consulting Management Group, Inc. and the City of Tahlequah.

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

12. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to approve the **reimbursement** to the State of Oklahoma for overpayment **of FEMA funds** on February 27, 2009 in the amount of \$3,757.24.

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

13. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve Capital Improvement Fund **Budget Amendment** # 02 in the amount of \$6,000.00, due to funds received from State Dept. of Emergency Management, to be used for radio system.

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

14. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to accept the **self-termination** of Wesley McLemore from **Solid Waste** Services.

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

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15. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8:29 pm.

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

❖ Discussion on the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of Jeff Phillips in the **Police Department**, as provided in Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).

16. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 9:04 pm.

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

17. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to terminate the employment of Jeff Phillips in the **Police Department**.

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

18. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **adjourn** at 9:05 pm.

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