

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – APRIL 21, 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
 Councilor Ward IV Linda Spyres

Others present: City Attorney Park Medearis, Administrative Assistant Eileen Crouch, Police Chief Nate King, Street Superintendant Wally Henry, Recreation Director Melissa Harris, Stormwater Manager Clint Johnson, Airport Director Greg Blish, Human Resource Director Sue Stacy, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Nichols suspended the agenda to items # 6 & 7.

4. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **place “2-Hour Parking” signage** on the south side of the 100 block of W. Keetoowah Street.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
5. Shannon Brewer did not show up to present his request to **change** Ordinance No. 1058-2005, relating to the itinerant **vendor fees**.
No action taken by Council.
6. After discussion concerning the heli-pad located at Tahlequah City Hospital and the electric lines, among other things, Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to table the **Special Use Permit** application submitted by Branch Communications LLC, for a 170’ monopole **cell tower** facility proposed to be located at 203 Commercial Road (Green Country Funeral Home).
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
7. Councilor Spyres made the motion to table but it died for lack of a second. After more discussion Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to table the **Special Use Permit** application submitted by Branch Communications LLC, for a 165’ monopole **cell tower** facility proposed to be located at the TPS Bus Barn on Pendleton Street.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Spyres Nays: Turney Motion carried.
8. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to acknowledge **change order** No. 1 with Capri Pools and Aquatics for an increase of \$7,990.00.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

9. There were some questions about what project was connected to two (2) Street, Drainage and **Utility Easements** for Cimarron Red Oak, LLC for the Mission Village project located on Fox Street between Campbell Road and the Southwest ByPass, south of the Tahlequah City Cemetery. City Attorney said it was unclear who the easements were for.

No action taken by Council.

10. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$2,453.58 for approved Educational Incentive Pay, retroactive to July 1, 2013.

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

11. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **appoint** Jerry Cook to the **TPWA** to replace Mark Smith.

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

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12. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8:00 pm.

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

- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a patrolman in the **Police** Department, as provided in Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a collector in the **Solid Waste** Department, as provided in Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a part-time 552-hour laborer in the **Park** Department, as provided in Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a laborer/operator in the **Street Department**, as provided in Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion on the purchase or appraisal of **real property**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (3).
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13. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 8:49 pm.

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

14. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **hire** Skylar Green as a patrolman in the **Police** Department with a starting salary of \$34,361.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$34,961.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$35,561.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.

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

15. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **hire** Kenneth Nein as a collector in the **Solid Waste** Department with a starting salary of \$19,598.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$20,198.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$20,798.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.

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

16. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **hire** Fisher Eastham as a part-time 552-hour laborer in the **Park** Department with a salary of \$7.25 per hour, pending passage of physical and drug test.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
17. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **hire** Shawn Keys as a laborer/operator in the **Street Department** with a starting salary at Grade 3, Step 1, of \$21,678.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$22,278.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$22,878.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
18. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to not **purchase** 19 structures and associated **property** on Basin Avenue.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
19. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **adjourn** at 8:54 pm.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.