

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 16, 2014 – 7:00 PM

1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting **to order** at 7:04 pm.
2. City Clerk Deb Corn called the **roll** as follows:

Present:	Councilor Ward II	Dr. Charles Carroll
	Councilor Ward III	Maurice Turney
	Councilor Ward IV	Linda Spyres
Absent:	Councilor Ward I	Diane Weston

Others present: City Attorney Park Medearis, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Police Chief Nate King, Solid Waste Services Superintendent Les Ford, Recreation Director Melissa Harris, Stormwater Manager Clint Johnson, Human Resource Director Sue Stacy, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

As a representative from the Cherokee County Election Board, Barbara Cook reminded everyone that early voting starts this Thursday at the Election Board and will run Friday, Saturday and Monday. You can vote at your regular voting precinct on Tuesday, June 24.

4. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to allow **Go Ye Village** to have a **fireworks display** on July 17, 2014 beginning at dusk.

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

5. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **close** Muskogee Avenue from Choctaw to Goingsnake **Streets**, including intersections of the cross streets, on April 24th and 25th, **2015** for the 9th Annual **Red Fern Festival**.

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

6. Jamie Clinton was present to inform the Council that he thought Cherokee Nation Landfill could save the City \$44,000.00 a year if we used their landfill. There was no contract for the Council to approve but will be forthcoming. No action was taken to choose Cherokee Nation Landfill as our **landfill site**.

No action taken by Council.

7. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to adopt **Resolution** No. 06-16-14, **approving** the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma **Budget** for the Fiscal Year **2014-2015** and Establishing Budget Amendment Authority.

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

8. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to approve the **final plat** for Lot 1, Block 1, Tarkington Addition, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Cedar Avenue and east Downing Street.

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

9. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **make** the **alley** between Mission Avenue and State Avenue, running between Fox and Ross Streets, **one way** running from North to South.

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

10. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to accept the **retirement of Finance Director** Pam Fielden, effective August 31, 2014.

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

11. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve the following **appointments**/re-appointments with the exception of David Moore to the Industrial Trust Authority and to correct that Beth Herrington is from Ward 3:

Reappoint Beth Herrington for the Ward 3 Seat to Historic Preservation
Reappoint Jonathon Wells for the At-Large Seat to Board of Adjustment
Appoint Phillip Bush for the Ward 3 Seat to Park Board
Reappoint Jeff Reasor to Industrial Trust Authority
Reappoint Gary Cacy to the Planning and Zoning Commission

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

12. Allegations that there was wrong-doing on the part of the Chamber Director David Moore spurred the addition of this item to the agenda. Since Mr. Moore has resigned and no longer has access to the funds Anita Thompson, a representative of the Chamber Board, requested that the City Council not withhold funds from the Chamber because they still had bills to pay. No action was taken to **suspend funds** collected by Hotel-Motel Tax, **to** the Tahlequah **Chamber of Commerce**, effective Tuesday, June 17, 2014, pending further action or pursuant to a court order.

No action taken by Council.

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13. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:47 pm.

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

- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a Collector in **Solid Waste Services**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
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 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a Driver in **Solid Waste Services**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
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14. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 8:14 pm.

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

15. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to combine items # 15, 16 & 17 and to **hire** Christopher Armstong, Nicholas Summers and Alberto Hurta as Collectors in **Solid Waste Services** at Grade 2, Step 1 with a salary for the first six months of \$19,598.00,

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: Spyres, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.

16. The **hire** of a Collector in **Solid Waste Services** was covered in item # 15.
No further action taken by Council.

17. The **hire** of a Collector in **Solid Waste Services** was covered in item # 15.
No further action taken by Council.

18. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **hire** Forrest Miller as a Driver in **Solid Waste Services** at Grade 3, Step 2 with a salary for the first six months of \$22,364.00, and with a positive evaluation \$22,964.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$23,564.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.

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

19. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **adjourn** at 8:17 pm.

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