



AGENDA

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of Meeting Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Place of Meeting The meeting will be held at 111 Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464
(voting members of the public body will be present in person).

Official action can only be taken on items which appear on the agenda. The City Council may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item. When the City Council desires more information on an item, the City Council may refer the matter to City staff or to a committee for further consideration. Under certain circumstances, items may be deferred to a specific date or stricken from the agenda entirely.

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1. MEETING CONVENED

- a) Meeting Called to Order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Invocation by Steve Parker, South College Church of Christ
- d) Flag Salute
- e) **Public Notice:** A Public Notice of meeting was provided on November 7, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. to the OK Secretary of State and an additional notice was provided on March 27, 2025, at 12:20 p.m. at 111 S. Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464.

2. PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS

If you wish to receive a copy of any materials that are presented to the City Council, please submit your request to cityclerk@tahlequah.gov.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments will be accepted from the public and individuals will be limited to 3 minutes of speaking time. The total of all comments should not exceed 15 minutes. Preference will be given to Tahlequah residents. In compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, no action or discussion is permitted by the City Council on any issue or topic raised by a speaker during this public comment period.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a) Anthis-Brennan Expansion Project update. [Special Projects Coordinator Ray Hammons](#)
- b) River City Park presentation by Dr. Reza Saeed Kandezy.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

These items are placed on the Consent Agenda so that members of the City Council, by unanimous consent, can designate routine items to be approved by one motion. Any item proposed on the Consent Agenda not meeting with the approval of all Council members will be removed and heard in Regular Session.

- a) Approve the minutes from the March 3, 2025, and March 27, 2025, City Council meetings.
- b) Acknowledge receipt of the February 2025 General Fund Executive Summary.
- c) Acknowledge receipt of the February 2025 Investment Schedule.
- d) Acknowledge receipt of the March 2025 Open PO report.
- e) Approve the March 2025 Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce Report.
- f) Approve the March 2025 Tourism Report.
- g) Approve the March 2025 Tahlequah Regional Development Authority Report.
- h) Acknowledge receipt of administrative award of competitive bid for the White Avenue Concrete Project to T&K Construction in the amount of \$64,256.00.
- i) Approve hangar lease transfer for hangar 29, from Sooner Cattle & Land Co. LLC, to Two Eight Investments LLC.
- j) Approve a 3-year lease for Tahlequah Municipal Airport, cutting and bailing of hay.
- k) Hire Wyatt Vinson as a Laborer/Operator in the Street Department at \$35,285.94 annually, effective March 17, 2025.
- l) Hire Tyronne McCree as a Driver in the Solid Waste Department at \$40,500 annually, effective March 19, 2025.
- m) Hire Davin Jorgensen as a Driver in the Solid Waste Department at \$40,500 annually, effective April 7, 2025.
- n) Hire Sylvie Kruczek, Emma Fields, Cristian Goins, Aliza Dietz, Meagan Bell, Jaime Perez, Tressa Disler, and Karsen Kruczek as PT Laborers/Concessions in the Parks and Recreation Department, at \$10.07 per hour, effective March 25, 2025.
- o) Demote Justin Leatherwood from Lieutenant to Patrolman, step 7, effective April 7, 2025.
- p) Accept the resignation of Forrest Miller, Driver in the Solid Waste Department, effective February 26, 2025.
- q) Accept the resignation of Robby Morgan, Collector in the Solid Waste Department, effective March 13, 2025.
- r) Accept the resignation of Eli Blackbird, Collector in the Solid Waste Department, effective March 28, 2025.
- s) Accept the resignation from Kewen Crabtree, Driver in the Solid Waste Department, effective March 21, 2025.

6. REGULAR SESSION

- a) Discussion and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.
- b) Discussion and possible action to declare the 2005 Ford F-350 (VIN: 1FDSF35Y06EC11276) as surplus property and approve its transfer to the Peggs Fire Dept. for the sum of \$1.00,

with the condition that Tahlequah Fire Dept. retains the option to reclaim the vehicle if Peggs Fire Dept. decides to dispose of it. Fire Chief Casey Baker

- c) Discussion and possible action to approve or deny amending the FY 2024-2025 City Budget to allocate funding for the addition of one full-time firefighter/driver position in the Tahlequah Fire Department, including salary, benefits, and associated costs. Fire Chief Casey Baker
- d) Discussion and possible action to direct the Street Commissioner to make street improvements to Mill Road. Councilman Keith Baker
- e) Discussion and possible action approve or deny the Mayor authorization to sign offer letters and finalize right-of-way acquisitions for the E. Allen Road Project. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill/Mayor Suzanne Myers
- f) Discussion and possible action to approve or deny authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for Architectural and Engineering Services with HSE Architects to design our Parking Garage, Retaining Wall, Ped Bridge and Sidewalks project for downtown. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill/Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- g) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny the Tahlequah Transportation Safety Action Plan prepared by Kimley-Horn for the City of Tahlequah. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill/Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- h) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny a Zoning Change from RS-3 (Single-Family High Density) to RM-3 (Multi-Family High Density) located at 604 S. College Ave. Tahlequah, Oklahoma. A part of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 32, T17N, R22E, more particularly described as a point of beginning at 70' S of the south borderline of the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, also being the South boundary of South Street, with the East line of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of said Section 32 thence W 210'; thence S 70'; thence E 210'; thence N 70' to the POB, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- i) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny a Zoning Change from RS-2 (Single-Family Medium Density) to RM-3 (Multi-Family High Density) located at 1107 & 1109 W. 4th St. Tahlequah, Oklahoma. A part of land located in the 200' E of NW/4 of E 25.01 AC of Lot 1 beginning E 90'; Thence S 108.5'; thence W 90'; thence N 108.5' to POB and a part of land located in the 200' E & 108.5' S of NW/4 of E 25.01 AC of Lot 1 beginning E 90'; thence S 108.5'; thence W 90'; thence N 108.5' to POB, located in SEC 5, T6N, R22E in Tahlequah, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session

- a) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(2), discussion related to negotiations with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 201, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.
- b) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(2), discussion related to negotiations with International Association of FireFighters Local 4099, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.
- c) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(3), discussion related to the purchase or appraisal of real property located near the Tahlequah City Airport.

- d) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(3), discussion related to the purchase or appraisal of real property located near Guinn Avenue.
- e) Pursuant to 25 § 307(C)(11), discussion related to economic development to entice a business to remain or locate within the City of Tahlequah.
- f) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(4), confidential communications pertaining to case #CV-24-415, Cherokee County.
- g) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(4), confidential communications pertaining to case #CJ-24-64, Cherokee County.

8. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION

- a) Possible action related to negotiations with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 201, as discussed in Executive Session.
- b) Possible action related to negotiations with the International Association of FireFighters Local 4099, as discussed in Executive Session.
- c) Possible action related to the purchase or appraisal of real property located near the Tahlequah City Airport, as discussed in Executive Session.
- d) Possible action related to economic development to entice a business to remain or locate within the City of Tahlequah, as discussed in Executive Session.
- e) Possible action related to the purchase or appraisal of real property located near Guinn Avenue, as discussed in Executive Session.
- f) Possible action related to communications regarding case #CV-24-415, as discussed in Executive Session.
- g) Possible action related to communications regarding case #CJ-24-64, as discussed in Executive Session.
- h) Adjourn.