

**MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 7, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

1. MEETING CONVENED

Mayor Nichols called the meeting **to order** at 7:01 pm.

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, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Personnel Director Sue Stacy, Street Superintendent Wally Henry, Police Chief Nate King, Solid Waste Services Superintendent Les Ford, Rec Director Melissa Harris, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Building Inspector Mark Secratt, News Media Josh Newton.

Invocation – Bishop Robert Stubbins from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.
Flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Gay complimented the City on the elevated crosswalks.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve the **minutes** of the June 2, 5 and 16, 2014 City Council Meetings

Acknowledge receipt of May 2014 **Financial Report**

Accept the **retirement** of John Glad from the **Maintenance** Dept., effective July 1, 2014

Accept the **retirement** of Tom Jones from the **Police Dept.**, effective July 1, 2014

Hire Ben Ridley as a part-time (999-hour) laborer in **Solid Waste** Services, with a salary of \$8.95 an hour, pending passage of physical and drug test

Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston

Nays: none

Motion carried.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Report from Library - none
Report from Main Street Association – Drew Haley
Report from Chamber of Commerce – President of NSU and new President of the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Dr. Turner gave a report
Report from the Tourism Council – none
Mayor Nichols took this opportunity to commend Fire Chief Ray Hammons on winning the state award for Firefighter of the Year
Reports from City Departments: Fire Department, Street Department, IT Department (written), Jail Stats (written), Police Department, Rec Department, Solid Waste Services

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5. There were no items removed from the **consent** agenda.
No action taken by Council.

6. Luka Madison asked the Council to **decrease** the **speed limit** in the Lakes of Southridge Subdivision from 25 mph to 15 mph. City Attorney Park Medearis advised that it would take an ordinance to change the speed limit. Councilor Spyres requested a signed petition from the residents in that area. Mayor Nichols said that he would draft an ordinance for the next meeting.
No action taken by Council.

7. Councilor Spyres made a motion and Councilor Turney seconded to approve a **contract** with Cherokee Nation Sanitary **Landfill**.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.

8. Councilor Carroll made a motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to approve the **contract** with **SAC Nutrition Program** for the use of the Tahlequah Senior Citizens Center.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.

9. Councilor Spyres made a motion and Councilor Turney seconded to approve the **agreement** with Tahlequah Public Schools concerning the **School Resource Officers**.
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

10. Councilor Turney made a motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to renew the “**Sales Tax Agreement**” dated September 1, 2009 in the amount of \$9,235,000.00, between Tahlequah Public Works Authority and the City Council of the City of Tahlequah, as required by Oklahoma Law.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.

11. Councilor Weston requested that Mayor Nichols provide a **weekly summary** of **Department Head Meeting** minutes, items on which the Mayor has taken action and proposed plans for the upcoming week. Mayor Nichols said he would try to comply.
No action taken by Council.

12. Councilor Spyres recommended that the contract with Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce be reviewed since it was outdated. Several members of the public were present to voice their concerns about the present Chamber board members and recommendations on a new structure for the Tourism Council. Forming a committee was recommended. Councilor Spyres made a motion and Councilor Carroll seconded on **negotiating a new contract** with the Tahlequah **Chamber** of Commerce and **Tourism** Council.

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

13. Councilor Spyres made a motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **proceed with construction** at the Tahlequah **Aquatic Center**.

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

14. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Spyres made a motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 9: 27 pm.

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

❖ Discussion to **hire** a Dispatch/Secretary in the **Police Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).

15. Councilor Spyres made a motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 9:47 pm.

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

16. Councilor Spyres made a motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **hire** Amanda Brown as a Dispatch/Secretary in the **Police Department** at Grade3, Step 1 and a starting salary of \$22,135.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$22,735.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$23,335.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.

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

17. The **mid-month** special **meeting** will be on July 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm.
No action taken by Council.

18. Councilor Turney made a motion and Councilor Weston seconded **adjourn** at 9:59 pm.

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