



AGENDA

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of Meeting Monday, May 5, 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 Aaron Doan, Generations Church
- 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 April, 28, 2025, at 8:56 a.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 by the public and individuals will be limited to 3 minutes of speaking time. The total of all comments should not exceed 15 minutes. 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) Recognition for Years of Service Employees:
Dexter Scott, 10 years, Police Department
Elden Graves, 20 years, Police Department
Vicki Johnson, 25 years, Street Department
- b) Anthis-Brennan Expansion project update. Special Projects Director Ray Hammons

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are placed on the Consent Agenda so that members of the City Council, by unanimous consent, can approve routine items by one motion. Any item 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 April 7, April 11, and April 18, 2025, City Council meetings.
- b) Acknowledge receipt of the March 2025 General Fund Executive Summary.
- c) Acknowledge receipt of the March 2025 Purchasing Card Statement.
- d) Acknowledge receipt of the March 2025 Investment Schedule.
- e) Acknowledge receipt of the March 2025 Check Register.
- f) Accept the FY 2025-2026 TACC-Tourism Budget.
- g) Accept the April 2025 Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce report.
- h) Accept the April 2025 Tourism Report.
- i) Accept the April 2025 TRDA Report.
- j) Approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Mark Hodson to the Municipal Airport Board for an additional 5-year term.
- k) Approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Darren Tobey to the Historic Preservation Board for a 5-year term.
- l) Approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Connie Davis to the Tahlequah Hospital Board for an additional 5-year term.
- m) Approve the Mayor's appointment of Mandy King to the Abatement Board's at-large seat for a 5 year term.
- n) Approve the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Thorne to the Abatement Board to fill a vacated term ending May 2030.
- o) Accept payment from Cherokee Nation in the amount of \$7,500 and amend the budget accordingly, placing the funds in the restricted donations account to be used for the animal shelter/animal vaccination clinic.
- p) Accept payment from Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 and adjust the budget accordingly.
- q) Approve Amendment No. 2 from Hudson Prince in the amount of \$138,016.13 for an additional 24 weeks of continued inspection services on the South Muskogee project.
- r) Hire Yovani Guerta as a Collector in the Solid Waste Department at \$35,500 annually, effective April 21, 2025.
- s) Hire Dynashia Bailey, Eyzel Baltazar, and Mya Soap-Henson as PT Laborers/Concessions (Pool) in the Parks & Rec Department at \$10.07 per hour, effective May 5, 2025.
- t) Hire Trent Havens, Tripp Rozell, Brooke Norton, Miracle Munoz, Beckett Robinson, and Grier Robinson as Lifeguards in the Parks & Rec Department at \$12.00 per hour, effective May 5, 2025.
- u) Promote Elder Baltazar, from Lifeguard to Head Lifeguard in the Parks & Rec Department at \$13.00 per hour, effective May 5, 2025.

- v) Accept the resignation of Jacob Bigham, Dispatcher in the Police Department, effective April 4, 2025.
- w) Accept the resignation of Jarvis Stroman, Driver in the Solid Waste Department, effective April 15, 2025.
- x) Terminate Tyronne McCree, Driver in the Solid Waste Department, effective May 5, 2025.

6. REGULAR SESSION

- a) Discussion and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.
- b) Discussion and possible action to appoint Councilman Keith Baker to the Eastern Oklahoma Development District (EODD) Board of Directors. Mayor Suzanne Myers
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding the longevity pay of the Assistant Chief of Police within the Police Department. Police Chief Nate King
- d) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny **Resolution No. 05-05-2025A**, a resolution setting the salary, payments, and/or compensation for the Judge of the City of Tahlequah. City Clerk Whitney Shaw
- e) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Resolution No. 05-05-2025B**, a resolution establishing a Complete Streets Resolution, requiring the City of Tahlequah to implement guidelines from this policy to allow safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- f) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Resolution No. 05-05-2025C**, a "Vision Zero" resolution enforcing strategies to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- g) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny **Ordinance No. 1386-2025**, an Ordinance of the City of Tahlequah, repealing Ordinance No. 1385-2025. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill

Declare **Ordinance 1386-2025** as an Emergency Ordinance; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, welfare, and morals and should take effect immediately after its publication as provided by law.
- h) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny **Ordinance No. 1387-2025**, an Ordinance detaching certain real property from the corporate limits of the City of Tahlequah. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill

Declare **Ordinance 1387-2025** as an Emergency Ordinance; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, welfare, and morals and should take effect immediately after its publication as provided by law.
- i) **First Reading.** Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny **Ordinance No. 1388-2025**, an Ordinance of the City of Tahlequah, repealing Ordinance No. 1233-2016. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo

Declare **Ordinance 1388-2025** as an Emergency Ordinance; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, welfare, and morals and should take effect immediately after its publication as provided by law.

- j) **First Reading.** Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny **Ordinance No. 1389-2025**, and ordinance of the City of Tahlequah amending Part 7, Finance and Taxation; Section 7-114, Reserve Funds. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill

Declare **Ordinance 1389-2025** as an Emergency Ordinance; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, welfare, and morals and should take effect immediately after its publication as provided by law.

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 action in open session.
- b) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(2), discussion related to negotiations with the International Association of FireFighters Local 4099, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.
- c) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(1), discuss the employment agreement of the City Administrator, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.
- d) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(4), confidential communications pertaining to case #CJ-24-64, Cherokee County.
- e) Pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(3), discussion related to the purchase or appraisal of real property located near the Tahlequah City Airport.

8. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- a) Discussion and possible action related to negotiations with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 201, as discussed in the Executive Session.
- b) Discussion and possible action related to negotiations with the International Association of FireFighters Local 4099, as discussed in the Executive Session.
- c) Discussion and possible action related to the employment agreement of the City Administrator, as discussed in the Executive Session.
- d) Discussion and possible action related to communications pertaining to Case #CJ-24-64, as discussed in the Executive Session.
- e) Discussion and possible action related to the purchase or appraisal of real property located near the Tahlequah City Airport, as discussed in the Executive Session.
- f) Adjourn.