

**MINUTES  
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 21, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

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

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| <b>Present:</b> | 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, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Police Chief Nate King, Building Inspector Mark Secreatt, Street Superintendent Wally Henry, Rec Director Melissa Harris, Administrative Assistant Amy Scott, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
There were no comments from the public.
4. Mayor Nichols presented **Ordinance** No. 1218-2014, **lowering** the **speed limit** in the Southridge Subdivision to 15 miles per hour. He also informed the Council that, after some research, an ordinance was not required for this action and that it could be done by resolution. The Council asked for this item to return on the next agenda in the form of a resolution.  
No action taken by Council.
5. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to approve **Resolution** No. 07-21-14 (A), allowing for **controlled** consumption of **alcohol** in the North End District during the motorcycle rally to be held August 22-23, 2014.  
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Spyres, Weston Nays: Turney Motion carried.
6. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **close** Water and Muskogee Avenues from Downing to Goingsnake **Streets** from 6:00 am on August 22 until midnight on August 23, 2014 for the **motorcycle rally**.  
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
7. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **waive** the **itinerant** vendor's **fees** for the motorcycle rally on August 22-23, 2014.  
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Carroll, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
8. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve **Resolution** No. 07-21-14 (B), supporting continued participation in the **Main Street Program**.  
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Carroll, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.
9. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to renew the **contract** with Tahlequah **Main Street Association**, minus the yearly automatic renewal clause.  
Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

10. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to deny **appeal** from Lisa McDowell to the July 7, 2014 **Abatement** Board decision **to demolish** the structures at 420 & 424 S. Lee St. but to give owners an opportunity to comply with staff required improvements, which will include an improvement plan (including dates), and if they do not comply in a timely manner, staff will have the authority to demolish.

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

11. **Presentation** by Robert Sweptson, Director of Equipment Management for the City of Muskogee, concerning a centralized garage for the City of Tahlequah.

No action taken by Council.

12. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to accept the Public Waterline **Easement** from Buddy and Shirley Phillips, Ella Milstead and James & Winona Green for the East Murrell Home Road waterline project.

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

13. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve the following **Budget Amendments**:

- Capital Improvement Fund # 01 in the amounts of (increase) \$15,694.00 and (decrease) \$59,063.00, to decrease budget due to difference in projected expenditures during budget process and decreased fund balance carryover
- Capital Improvement Fund # 02 in the amount \$7,526.88, increase due to donation received from Cherokee Nation to purchase Special Ops Equip.
- Tahlequah Police Canine Fund # 01 in the amount of \$5,000.00, increase due to donation from Cherokee Nation for Canine Services
- Bond Improvement Fund II # 01 in the amount of \$3,046,114.00, to budget funds received from bond issue that were not expended as of June 30, 2014
- Bullet Proof Vest Grant #5194, Amendment # 01 in the amount of \$12,510.23, to budget remaining balance of funds
- Land Acquisition # 01 in the amount of \$99,750.00, to be used to acquire land for future hangar development, not expended as of June 30, 2014
- TMA-FAA Grant # 01 in the amount of \$41,997.25, grant funds to be used at airport
- DOJ Overtime Grant # 01 in the amount of \$2,022.85, to be used for overtime for law enforcement
- Tahlequah Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant V # 01 in the amount of \$9,042.28, to be used for project officer overtime

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

14. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **appoint** Josh Hutchins to the Tahlequah **Industrial Trust** Authority.

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

15. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve the **Fee Schedule** for the **Recreation Facilities** and Equipment.

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

16. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to approve the 2014-2015 **contract** with the **FOP** Lodge 201.

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

17. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to approve the 2014-2015 **contract** with the **IAFF Local 4099**.

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

18. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **hire** Neali Ferrell as a part-time, 490-hour, lifeguard in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.90 an hour, pending passage of physical and drug test.

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

19. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to **promote** Steve Young to the rank of Captain within the **Police Department** with a salary of \$41,709.00 per year.

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

20. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **promote** Brandon Vick to the rank of Sergeant within the **Police Department** with a salary of \$39,081.00.

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

21. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded **adjourn** at 8:46 pm.

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