

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 18, 2014 – 7:00 PM

1. Mayor Nichols called the meeting **to order** at 7:01 pm.
2. City Clerk Deb Corn called the **roll** as follows:

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

Others present: City Attorney Park Medearis, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Police Chief Nate King, Administrative Assistant Amy Scott, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Assistant Fire Chief Ted Kupsick, News Media Josh Newton.

Chief Hammons recognized Firefighters Baker and Niessen and Officers Girdner and Yates for risking their lives to save others in a recent fire.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
There were no comments from the public.
4. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to accept the Street, Drainage and Utility **Easement** from Tahlequah Public Schools.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.

Mayor Nichols requested to combine items 5 and 6 with one motion;

5. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **hire** Ciera Harper and Rory Bean as part-time, 490-hour, Lifeguards in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.90 an hour.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
6. This item to **hire** Rory Bean was covered in the above motion.
No separate action on this item.

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7. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:09 pm.
Vote: Ayes: Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
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- ❖ Discussion to **hire** a Patrolman in the **Police Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to **hire** a Dispatcher in the **Police Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
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8. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 7:19 pm.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.
9. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Spyres seconded to **hire** Josh Girdner as a Patrolman in the **Police Department** with a starting salary of \$36,139.00 for the first six months and with a positive evaluation \$36,739.00 for the second six months and with a positive evaluation \$37,339.00 after one year, pending passage of physical and drug test.
Vote: Ayes: Weston, Turney, Spyres Nays: none Motion carried.
10. Councilor Spyres made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **hire** Kevin Kirk as a Dispatcher in the **Police Department** with a starting salary of \$22135.26 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: Turney, Spyres, Weston Nays: none Motion carried.
11. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **adjourn** at 7:23 pm.
Vote: Ayes: Spyres, Weston, Turney Nays: none Motion carried.