



AGENDA

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of Meeting Monday, October 6, 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 Councilman Josh Allen
- d) Flag Salute
- e) **Public Notice:** A Public Notice of meeting was provided on December 19, 2024, at 9:10 a.m. to the OK Secretary of State and an additional notice was provided on September 22, 2025, at 3:36 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 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. CONSENT AGENDA

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 September 2 and September 25, 2025, City Council meetings.

- b)** Acknowledge receipt of the statement regarding the August 2025 General Fund Summary.
- c)** Acknowledge receipt of the August 2025 Investment Schedule.
- d)** Acknowledge receipt of the August 2025 Check Register.
- e)** Acknowledge receipt of the August 2025 Purchasing Card Statement.
- f)** Acknowledge receipt of the August 2025 Open PO Report.
- g)** Accept the donations from PetSense (adoption fees) and Tahlequah Animal Outreach in the amount of \$200.00 each for the Animal Shelter, placing the funds in the Animal Shelter Restricted Donations account and amending the budget accordingly.
- h)** Accept the donation from PetCo Love in the amount of \$2700.00 for the Animal Shelter, placing the funds in the Animal Shelter Restricted Donations account and amending the budget accordingly.
- i)** Accept the donations from Lake Region Electric Cooperative (\$500.00), Shafa Enterprises/XPress Stop (\$1,000.00), and GRDA (\$500.00) for the Annual Trunk or Treat, placing the funds in the Trunk or Treat Restricted Donations account and amending the budget accordingly.
- j)** Accept the donations from River City Hydraulics in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Annual Employee Christmas Dinner, placing the funds in the Christmas Dinner Restricted Donations account and amending the budget accordingly.
- k)** Acknowledge receipt of the September 2025 Chamber of Commerce report.
- l)** Acknowledge receipt of the September 2025 Tourism report.
- m)** Acknowledge receipt of the September 2025 Tahlequah Main Street Association report.
- n)** Acknowledge receipt of the September 2025 Library Board report.
- o)** Acknowledge receipt of the September 2025 Tahlequah Regional Development Authority report.
- p)** Acknowledge receipt of the September 2025 Tahlequah Public Works Authority Board report.
- q)** Acknowledge receipt of the September 2025 Tahlequah Hospital Authority Board report.
- r)** Approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Troy Kent Davis to the Tahlequah Hospital Authority Board for an additional 5-year term.
- s)** Approve the Mayor's appointment of Jenine Hembree to the Tahlequah Hospital Authority Board for a 5-year term.
- t)** Approve the Tahlequah Fire Department Mutual Assistance Agreements with the following Fire Departments: Cookson Volunteer Fire Department, Fort Gibson Fire Department, Hulbert Volunteer Fire Department, Muskogee Fire Department, Peggs Fire Department, and the Welling Tri-Community Fire Department Inc.
- u)** Approve the purchase of a new Tornado Siren from CDL Electric in the amount of \$55,000.00, to be installed at Cherokee Fields/Anthis Brennan Sports Complex.
- v)** Reject all bids for Bid Project #2025-8, Police Department Fencing.
- w)** Hire Dante Grayson, Collector in the Solid Waste Department, at \$35,500 annually, effective September 26, 2025.

- x) Hire Joshua Blackbird, Driver in the Solid Waste Department, at \$40,500 annually, effective September 30, 2025.
- y) Hire Ethan Monholland, Laborer/Operator in the Street Department, at \$38,484.87 annually, effective October 6, 2025.
- z) Accept the resignation of Anthony Pritchett, Collector in the Solid Waste Department, effective September 19, 2025.
- aa) Accept the resignation of Carl Dallis, PT Laborer/Operator in the Street Department, effective September 8, 2025.
- bb) Accept the resignation of Levi Daniels, PT Laborer in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective September 16, 2025.
- cc) Accept the resignations of Elder Baltazer, Beckett Robinson, Daisy Teague, and Karsyn Shyankle, Lifeguards in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective September 16, 2025.
- dd) Accept the resignation of Yovani Guerta, Collector in the Solid Waste Department, effective September 19, 2025.

5. REGULAR SESSION

- a) Discussion and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.
- b) Second reading of and possible action to approve, approve with modification(s), or deny **Ordinance No. 1392-2025**, an ordinance of the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, providing an easement/right-of-way closure located at 807 W. Choctaw, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Providing for codification, severability, repealer, and Setting an effective date. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- c) Second reading of and possible action to approve, approve with modification(s), or deny **Ordinance No. 1393-2025**, an ordinance of the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma providing an easement/right-of-way closure located at 118 W. Morgan St., Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Providing for codification, severability, repeater, and setting an effective date. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- d) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications or deny **Resolution 10-06-2025**, a resolution concerning bridge inspection responsibility by the local government for compliance with national bridge inspections standards. Bridge contracts for April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2028. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill/Street Commissioner Kevin Smith
- e) Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Tahlequah, Cherokee County, and Sequoyah County for temporary emergency management services. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill
- f) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny installing a stop sign southwest-bound at Jamestown Drive intersecting with Jamestown Street according to a recommendation given by Holloway, Updike, and Bellen, an engineering firm. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- g) Discussion and possible action regarding the White Ave. resurfacing and stormwater project. Ascertain any current problems that are at issue, identify any pending issues and isolate any reasons why it might deter or impede its immediate, continuous work and completion of the project. Councilman Keith Baker

- h) Discussion and possible action to authorize or deny the Street Department to purchase materials, provide labor, and contract for labor and/or professional services, if necessary for Phase 2 of the White Avenue Project. Street Commissioner Kevin Smith
- i) Discussion and possible action to authorize or deny the Street Department to purchase materials, provide labor, and contract for labor and/or professional services, if necessary for intersection improvements at Kelly Street and Larry Avenue. Street Commissioner Kevin Smith
- j) Discussion on closure of Spring Street and an unnamed alley near the low-water bridge. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (MOTION AND SECOND)

- a) Discussion related to the purchase or appraisal of property located in Tahlequah, OK, pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(3).

7. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- a) Discussion and possible action related to the purchase or appraisal of property in Tahlequah, OK as discussed in the Executive Session.
- b) Adjourn.