

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 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 II	Dr. Charles Carroll
	Councilor Ward III	Maurice Turney
Absent:	Councilor Ward IV	Linda Spyres

Others present: City Attorney Park Medearis, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Smith, Police Chief Nate King, Administrative Assistant Amy Scott, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Stormwater Manager Clint Johnson, Rec Director Melissa Harris, Solid Waste Services Superintendant Les Ford, News Media Josh Newton.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kirk Boatright informed the Council that there would be another Public Hearing in about 5 months on the different options for the Highway 82 North construction. There are three options that would hurt business expansion on the North end of Tahlequah. He said that the City Council should voice their objection to the three options and request to stay with the original plan of following the existing Highway 82.

4. **Reports** from Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Council.

5. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve **Ordinance** No. 1220-2014, **rezoning** for the property near the Southwest corner of Bean Street and West Avenue.

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

6. There was no action taken to approve **Ordinance** No. 1219-2014, concerning the use of **skateboards** on roadways in the City of Tahlequah. There were some recommendations for changes by Chief Nate King. Chief King and Mayor Nichols will get together on the new wording and have the ordinance back at the next meeting.

No action taken.

7. Councilor Weston asked for an **update** on ordinance/code #12-1403-1406 (Chapter 14), Minimum **Landscaping** Requirements for Commercial Development. She asked if the ordinance was being enforced. Stormwater Manager Clinton Johnson said that it was. Bryce Felts asked if the city was complying with their property and was told that they were.

No action taken.

8. Councilor Weston asked for an **update** on ordinance/code #8-902 (Chapter 9), **Dumpster** Regulations and wondered if everything was on track for this ordinance to be enforced beginning January 1, 2015. She also asked if we could send out reminders. Bryce Felts asked

if the City would be in compliance by January 1, 2015. Mayor Nichols said we were on track to be in compliance by the deadline.

No action taken.

9. Councilor Weston asked if the City could review our **signage** ordinance restricting commercial pole signage and **allow** free standing **A-frame signs** on business **sidewalks**. This item will be covered in some of the material included for item # 15.

No action taken by Council.

10. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve the 2014 **Snowflake Ice Rink Calendar and Fee Schedule**.

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

11. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded to approve a **contract** with Tahlequah **Main Street Association** for **Marketing** and Promotion of the **Snowflake Festival**.

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

12. Councilor Carroll made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded action to approve a **contract** with Cherokee County **Girls Softball** League for special use of the softball fields at Phoenix Park for the youth softball tournament.

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

13. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve **Change Order** for Williams Contracting to make State Fire Marshal mandated changes to the new Police Department.

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

14. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to approve **Change Order** for Williams Contracting for work done at the **Aquatic Center**.

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

15. Mayor Nichols presented a packet of a collection of rough **draft policies** and **ordinances** requested by City Council and/or members of the public. If any of the Councilors are interested in pursuing any of them they can put them on the agenda with their name behind the item to address it.

No action taken.

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16. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8:26 pm.

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

❖ Discussion to **hire** a Finance Support position in the **Managerial Department**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).

17. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to **reconvene regular** meeting at 8:49 pm.

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

18. Councilor Weston made the motion and Councilor Turney seconded to **hire** Carol Eastham in the Finance Support position in the **Managerial Department** at Grade 5, Step 1 and a salary of \$28,235.00 per year.

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

19. Councilor Turney made the motion and Councilor Weston seconded **adjourn** at 8:52 pm.

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