



AGENDA

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of Meeting Monday, June 1, 2026 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 Nate King
- d) Flag Salute
- e) **Public Notice:** A Public Notice of meeting was provided on December 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to the OK Secretary of State and an additional notice was provided on May 26, 2026, at 11:55 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: Bryan Qualls, 10 Years, Police Department.

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 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 May 4 and May 19, 2026, City Council meetings.
- b) Acknowledge receipt of the April 2026 General Fund Executive Summaries.
- c) Acknowledge receipt of the April 2026 Investment Schedule.
- d) Acknowledge receipt of the April 2026 Check Register.
- e) Acknowledge receipt of the April 2026 Purchasing Card Statement.
- f) Acknowledge receipt of the April 2026 Open PO Report.
- g) Acknowledge and accept the \$3,500 restricted funds earmarked for the Fire Department from Cherokee Nation and amend the budget accordingly.
- h) Accept the contractual amount of \$7,020.00 from Cherokee Nation for the Animal Shelter, placing the funds in the Animal Shelter Restricted Donations account and amending the budget accordingly.
- i) Acknowledge receipt of the May 2026 Tahlequah Hospital Authority Board report.
- j) Acknowledge receipt of the May 2026 Tourism Report.
- k) Acknowledge receipt of the May 2026 Tahlequah Regional Development Authority Report.
- l) Acknowledge receipt of the May 2026 Tahlequah Main Street Association report.
- m) Acknowledge receipt of the May 2026 Tahlequah Public Works Authority Board report.
- n) Approve the 2026–2027 FY Tourism Budget.
- o) Approve the Mayor's reappointment of **Stephen Highers** to the Tahlequah Public Works Authority Board, term ending May 3031.
- p) Approve the Mayor's appointment of **Rod Ross** to fill a vacated seat, term ending May 2028, on the Historic Preservation Board.
- q) Approve the Mayor's reappointment of **Betty Brown** to the Historic Preservation Board, term ending May 3031.
- r) Approve the Mayor's reappointment of **Ryan Cannonie** to the Board of Adjustments, term ending May 2029.
- s) Approve the Mayor's reappointment of **Andy Harris** to the Planning Commission, term ending May 2029.
- t) Approve the Mayor's reappointment of **Melissa Harris** to the Abatement Board, term ending May 2031.
- u) Approve the Mayor's reappointment of **Matt Cochran** to the Municipal Airport Board, term ending May 3031.
- v) Approve the Legal Services Agreement with **BJ Baker**, City Prosecutor, for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.
- w) Approve agreement with **Cherokee County** for Emergency Management Services for fiscal year 2026-2027.
- x) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with **Cherokee County Detention Center** for inmate meals beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.
- y) Approve the Inter-Local Agreement on the handling of juvenile cases with the **Cherokee County District Court** for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.
- z) Engage the services of **Eide Bailly, LLP** to conduct the Financial Compilation for the FY 2025-2026 audit.
- aa) Approve the 2026-2027 contract for **Eric Lathrop** for the opening/closing of cemetery graves at the cost of \$300 per grave.

- bb)** Engage the services of **St. Pierre, Kimble, & Associates, CPA, PC** to conduct the Financial Audit for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
- cc)** Approve the School Resource Officer contract with **Tahlequah Public Schools** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
- dd)** Approve the 2026-2027 Disposal Agreement with **Waste Management of Oklahoma, Inc.**
- ee)** Promote Darrel Deckard to Maintenance Superintendent, increasing salary to \$51,292.04, effective May 24, 2026.
- ff)** Promote Chloe B. White from Head Lifeguard to Senior Head Lifeguard in the Parks and Recreation Department at \$15.00 per hour, effective May 10, 2026.
- gg)** Promote Jeremiah Auguston from Lifeguard to Head Lifeguard in the Parks and Recreation Department at \$13.00 per hour, effective May 24, 2026.
- hh)** Promote Dynashia Bailey and Emma Fields from Part Time Laborer/Concessions to Lifeguards in the Parks and Recreation Department at \$12.00 per hour, effective May 11, 2026.
- ii)** Hire Drake Chaffin as a Part-Time Laborer, Parks and Recreation Department, at \$12.00 per hour, effective May 12, 2026.
- jj)** Hire Fisher Davis as a Part-Time Laborer/Concessions, Parks and Recreation Department, at \$10.07 per hour, effective May 12, 2026.
- kk)** Hire Skylyn Robinson as a Head Lifeguard, Parks and Recreation Department, at \$13.00 per hour, effective May 4, 2026.
- ll)** Hire Chloe E. White as a Lifeguard, Parks and Recreation Department, at \$12.00 per hour, effective May 4, 2026.
- mm)** Hire Christopher Blevins as a Part-Time Laborer, Parks and Recreation Department, at \$12.00 per hour, effective May 18, 2026.
- nn)** Hire Wesley Davis as a Driver, Solid Waste Department, at \$40,500 annually, effective May 19, 2026.
- oo)** Hire Edward Scott as a Collector, Solid Waste Department, at \$35,500 annually, effective May 19, 2026.
- pp)** Hire Avery Clinton as a Collector, Solid Waste Department, at \$35,500 annually, effective June 1, 2026.
- qq)** Accept the resignation (retirement) of Justin Hackworth, Lieutenant in the Fire Department, effective May 29, 2026.
- rr)** Accept the resignation of Sawyer Henderson and Christian Goins, Part-Time Laborer/Concessions, Parks and Recreation Department, effective May 21, 2026.
- ss)** Accept the resignation of Jaxon Robinson, Lifeguard, Parks and Recreation Department, effective May 27, 2026.
- tt)** Accept the resignation of Karsen Shankle, Part-Time Laborer/Concessions, Parks and Recreation Department, effective June 1, 2026.
- uu)** Accept the resignation of Kelly Webb, Part-Time Laborer, Parks and Recreation Department, effective April 28, 2026.
- vv)** Accept the resignation of Lauren Stephens and Wyatt Stephens, Lifeguards, Parks and Recreation Department, effective May 8, 2026.
- ww)** Accept the resignation of Margaret Carter, Part-Time Laborer/Concessions, Parks and Recreation Department, effective May 8, 2026.
- xx)** Accept the resignation of Michael Gonzalez Lara, Driver, Solid Waste Department, effective May 29, 2026.
- yy)** Accept the resignation of Michael Burton, Collector, Solid Waste Department, effective May 21, 2026.

6. REGULAR SESSION

- a)** Discussion and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.

- b) Discussion: PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed **2026-2027 City Budget**. (A full copy of the proposed budget can be found on the City website)
- c) Motion to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Resolution No. 06-01-2026A**, a resolution approving the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and establishing a budget amendment authority, Finance Director Michele Collins/City Treasurer Marty Hainzinger
- d) Discussion and possible motion to approve **TEFA Resolution No. 26-01**, a resolution of the trustees of the Tahlequah Educational Facilities Authority terminating the trust and distributing any remaining assets of the trust to the City of Tahlequah. Finance Director Michele Collins
- e) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny the Memorandum of Understanding with Tahlequah Public Schools to provide construction management service for the Cherokee Elementary Access Road project. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- f) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny The Mayor entering into an agreement with Kimley-Horn for engineering services of East Shawnee Street Improvements, beginning at South Bluff Avenue and ending at South Cedar Avenue. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- g) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny The Mayor entering into an agreement with Kimley-Horn for engineering services of Cedar Avenue Improvements, beginning at East Ross Street and ending at East Downing Street. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- h) **Second reading**, discussion, and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Ordinance No. 1395-2026**, an ordinance of the City of Tahlequah, amending the Tahlequah City Code by adding Section 119-13; Density of Animals to be kept. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo

Approve or deny a declaration of emergency for **Ordinance No. 1395-2026**; it being necessary to preserve public health, safety, welfare, and morals, an emergency is hereby declared, a second reading of this ordinance is hereby waived, and this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication as required by law.

7. 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 appropriate action in open session.
- b) Pursuant to §25-307(B)(2), discussion related to negotiations with International Association of Firefighters Local 4099, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

8. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- a) Possible action related to negotiations with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 201, as discussed in the Executive Session.
- b) Possible action related to negotiations with International Association of Firefighters Local 4099, as discussed in the Executive Session.
- c) Adjournment.