

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 - 1:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

- a) Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Myers at 1:02 pm.
- b) City Clerk Whitney Shaw called the **Roll call as follows:**

Present:

Councilor Ward I	Danny Perry
Councilor Ward II	Keith Baker
Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
Councilor Ward IV	Josh Allen

Others Present:

Mayor Suzanne Myers, City Attorney JT Hammons City Administrator Taylor Tannehill, City Clerk Whitney Shaw, IT Support Jordan Poppino and Caleb Wofford

- c) **Public Notice** of meeting provided May 7, 2026, at 2:39 p.m. at 111 S. Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK.
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2. REGULAR SESSION

- a) The 2024-2025 audit presented by Robert St. Pierre and introduction by Finance Director Michele Collins.
- b) Discussion regarding the City Budget presented by Mayor Suzanne Myers and City Administrator Taylor Tannehill.
- c) Councilor Allen made a motion and Councilor Perry seconded to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Cherokee Nation to construct road and/or bridge projects to be reimbursed by the Cherokee Nation.

Vote: Ayes: Allen, Perry, Baker, Highers

Nays: None

Motion carried

- d) Councilor Allen made a motion and Council Perry seconded to award and enter into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder (Young Land Mgmt.) for Project 2026-04, East 4th Street Roadway Project.

Vote: Ayes: Allen, Perry, Baker, Highers

Nays: None

Motion carried

- e) Councilor Allen made a motion and Council Perry seconded to award and enter into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder (Young Land Mgmt.) for Project 2026-05, Cherokee Elementary Access Road Project.

Vote: **Ayes:** Allen, Perry, Baker, Highers **Nays:** None **Motion carried**

- f) Councilor Allen made a motion and Council Perry seconded to award and enter into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder (Young Land Mgmt.) for Project 2026-06, N. Jones Walking Path Project.

Vote: **Ayes:** Allen, Perry, Baker, Highers **Nays:** None **Motion carried**

- g) Councilor Allen made a motion and Councilor Perry seconded to approve, with modifications, **Ordinance No. 1396-2026**, and ordinance of the City of Tahlequah known as the 2026 Capital Improvement Sales Tax ordinance, establishing funds for .5% sales tax.

Vote: **Ayes:** Allen, Perry, Baker, Highers **Nays:** None **Motion carried**

- h) Councilor Allen made a motion and Councilor Perry seconded to approve, with modifications, **Resolution No. 05-19-2026A**, a resolution of the City of Tahlequah, calling for a special election.

Vote: **Ayes:** Allen, Perry, Baker, Highers **Nays:** None **Motion carried**

- i) Councilor Allen made a motion and Councilor Perry second to approve, with modifications, **Ordinance No. 1397-2026**, an ordinance of the City of Tahlequah known as the 2026 General Fund Sales Tax ordinance, establishing use of funds for .25% sales tax.

Vote: **Ayes:** Allen, Perry, Baker, Highers **Nays:** None **Motion carried**

- j) Councilor Allen made a motion and Councilor Perry seconded to approve, with modifications, **Resolution No. 05-19-2026B**, a resolution of the City of Tahlequah, calling for a special election.

Vote: **Ayes:** Allen, Perry, Baker, Highers **Nays:** None **Motion carried**

A break was taken at 2:21 to count the words in proposition 1 and Council returned at 2:34 p.m.

- k) Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.