



AGENDA

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of Meeting Monday, August 3, 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 Josh Allen, Councilor for Ward 4
- 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 July 16, 2026, at 11:40 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: Michele Collins, 10 Yrs, Finance Director and Todd Carnes, 20 Yrs, Police Department
- b) Presentation of Commendation to Chief Whittmore, Assistant Chief Barnes, Jo Enlow, Brad Hale, Jesus Nava, and Dylan Hammons for recognition of the call to duty to respond to the South Texas Floods.

- c) Presentation of donation from Tahlequah Leadership Class 28 to the Animal Shelter.
- d) City Administrator's Report.

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 July 1 and July 6, 2026, City Council meetings.
- b) Acknowledge receipt of the June 2026 General Fund Executive Summaries.
- c) Acknowledge receipt of the June 2026 Investment Schedule.
- d) Acknowledge receipt of the June 2026 Check Register.
- e) Acknowledge receipt of the June 2026 Purchasing Card Statement.
- f) Acknowledge receipt of the June 2026 Open PO Report.
- g) Acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Tahlequah Hospital Authority Board report.
- h) Acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Tahlequah Main Street report.
- i) Acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Eastern Oklahoma Library System report.
- j) Authorize the Mayor to enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Tahlequah Public Schools (TPS), Tahlequah Public Works Authority (TPWA), and Northeastern State University (NSU) to provide coordination and services related to the City's contract with Perry Weather, Inc.
- k) Approve the use of the OMAG/OML records request form to reflect changes pursuant to 51 O.S. § 24A.5(7) as effective November 1, 2025.
- l) Approve lease agreement with the OK Dept. of Corrections for FY 2026-2027.
- m) Promote Steve Arnall from Captain to Assistant Chief of Police at the salary within the current budget and identify him as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police as set forth in 11 § 51-102 of Oklahoma Statute, effective August 4, 2026.
- n) Promote Bryan Qualls from Lieutenant to Captain with pay at Captain E in the current CBA, effective August 4, 2026.
- o) Promote Colin Girdner from Foreman to Superintendent in the Street Department, at \$58,350 annually, effective June 21, 2026.
- p) Promote Wyatt Vinson from Laborer/Operator to Foreman in the Street Department, at \$48,376 annually, effective June 21, 2026.
- q) Promote Antonio Nunez from Part-Time to Full Time Laboer in the Parks Department, at \$15.00 per hour, effective July 5, 2026.
- r) Hire Kristin Lane as a Dispatcher, Police Department, at \$16.00/hour, effective August 20, 2026.
- s) Hire Kaydance Williamson as a Dispatcher, Police Department, at \$16/hour, effective August 17, 2026.
- t) Hire James Seaton as a Laborer/Operator, Street Department, at \$41,715 annually, effective July 14, 2026.

- u) Accept the resignation of Skylyn Robinson, Seasonal Sr. Lifeguard, Recreation Department, effective July 21, 2026.
- v) Accept the resignation of Libby Baker, Seasonal Lifeguard, Recreation Department, effective June 27, 2026.
- w) Accept the resignation of Levi Gibson, Driver, Solid Waste, effective July 17, 2026.
- x) Accept the resignation of Tony Stayathome, Driver, Solid Waste, effective August 14, 2026.

6. REGULAR SESSION

- a) Discussion and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.
- b) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Resolution No. 08-03-2026**, a resolution of the City of Tahlequah to adopt the schedule of fees and charges as presented. City Clerk Whitney Shaw
- c) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Resolution No. 08-03-2026A**, a resolution for a zoning change from RS-1 (Single Family Low Density) to RM-3 (Multi-Family High Density) for use of single-family dwelling group located at 1320, 1330, 1340, 1350 and 1360 W. Keetoowah Street Tahlequah, Oklahoma or more particularly described as a tract of land lying in the SW/4 SW/4 SW/4 of Section 29, T17N, R22E, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SW/C of said 10 Acre tract, thence E 294'; Thence N 210'; Thence W 84', Thence N 240'; Thence W 210'; Thence S 450' to the POB; Also being a part of Lots 1 & 2 as shown in the plat of Reservoir Addition to the City of Tahlequah, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo
- d) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Resolution No. 08.03.2026B**, a resolution of the City of Tahlequah renewing the Sales Tax Agreement dated July 7, 2025 between the City of Tahlequah and the Tahlequah Public Facilities Authority for an additional term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. City Treasurer Marty Hainzinger
- e) First Reading, discussion, and possible action to approve, approve with modification, or deny **Ordinance No. 1398-2026**, an ordinance of the City of Tahlequah providing a street closure of Kenney Street. Planning & Development Director Paige Harjo

Approve or deny a declaration of emergency for **Ordinance No. 1398-2026**; 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.
- f) Discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification or deny authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Tahlequah and Cherokee County for Fire Marshal services. Fire Chief Mark Whittmore
- g) Discussion and possible action to approve or deny a road name designation for a connector street for the new alignment for North Highway 82. City Administrator Taylor Tannehill
- h) Discussion and possible action regarding White Ave. and future construction projects concerning Street Commissioner-led projects. Ward 2 Councilor Keith Baker
- i) Adjournment.