



AGENDA

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 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 Cheif of Police, 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 August 24, 2026, at 1:50 pm 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: Billy Hicks, 10 yrs, Street Department
- b) Proclamation by the Mayor proclaiming September 8th as "Shana Dry Day" for her compassion for the Tahlequah community. Mayor Suzanne Myers
- c) Proclamation by the Mayor proclaiming September 2026 "Library Card Sign-Up Month." Mayor Suzanne Myers

- d) Presentation of the 2026-2027 Tahlequah Youth City Council (TYCC). Chris Armstrong
- e) Monthly Administrator's report by City Administrator Taylor Tannehill

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 August 3, 2026, City Council meeting.
- b) Acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 General Fund Executive Summaries.
- c) Acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Investment Schedule.
- d) Acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Check Register.
- e) Acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Purchasing Card Statement.
- f) Acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Open PO Report.
- g) Acknowledge receipt of the August 2026 Tahlequah Hospital Board Authority report.
- h) Acknowledge receipt of the August 2026 Tourism report.
- i) Acknowledge receipt of the August 2026 Tahlequah Regional Development Authority report.
- j) Acknowledge receipt of the August 2026 Tahlequah Public Works Authority report.
- k) Acknowledge Receipt of the August 2026 Tahlequah Main Street report.
- l) Accept the Tahlequah Leadership Class 28 donation in the amount of \$3978.79 for the Animal Shelter and amend the budget accordingly, placing the funds in the Animal Shelter Restricted Donations account.
- m) Approve the budgeted purchase of a 2027 Western Star 49X with trade-ins for the Solid Waste Department.
- n) Approve the budgeted purchase of a Dura Pack Python Automated truck with use of a trade-in / buy back program for the Solid Waste Department.
- o) Approve the budgeted purchase of a 20-yard Rear Load Packer for the Solid Waste Department.
- p) Approve the public utility easement from the Ann Engles Vanderburg Trust.
- q) Approve the Tahlequah Main Street 2026/2027 City Resolution
- r) Promote Forest Lane Cobb from Sergeant to Lieutenant in the Police Department and set pay at the Lieutenant E pay in the current collective bargaining agreement, effective August 16, 2026.
- s) Promote Caleb Murray from Patrolman to Sergeant in the Police Department and set pay at the Sergeant E rate in the collective bargaining agreement, effective August 30, 2026.
- t) Appoint Jackson Barnes as a Volunteer Firefighter in the Fire Department, effective August 21, 2026.
- u) Appoint Trae Patrick as a Volunteer Firefighter in the Fire Department, effective August 21, 2026.
- v) Appoint Brooks Haddock as a Volunteer Firefighter in the Fire Department, effective August 24, 2026.
- w) Hire Matthew Meredith as Assistant Fire Marshal in the Fire Department, salary set by Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective September 8, 2026.
- x) Hire Joshua McFarland as a Driver in the Solid Waste Department at \$40,500 annually, effective September 8, 2026.
- y) Hire Darrell Lovejoy as a Driver in the Solid Waste Department at \$40,500 annually, effective September 8, 2026.

- z) Hire Kurt Kibbey as a Animal Control Officer in the Compliance Department at \$15.00 per hour, effective August 21, 2026.
- aa) Accept the resignation (retirement 21 yrs of service) of Jimmy Neugin, Collector in the Solid Waste Department, effective August 28, 2026.
- bb) Accept the resignation (retirement 18 yrs of service) of Larry Blackman, Foreman in the Cemetery Department, effective August 26, 2026.
- cc) Accept the resignation of Rebecca White, Encumbrance Officer in the Managerial Department, effective August 13, 2026.
- dd) Accept the resignation of Joseph A. Hughart, Patrolman in the Police Department, effective July 21, 2026.
- ee) Accept the resignation of Hayden Garcia and Jordan Rodwell, PT Concession Laborers in the Recreation Department, effective August 1, 2026.
- ff) Accept the resignation of Colby Morrison, PT Laborer in the Recreation Department, effective August 5, 2026.
- gg) Accept the resignation of Miracle Munoz, Lifeguard in the Recreation Department, effective August 1, 2026.
- hh) Accept the resignation of Sarah Swayze, Firefighter, Tahlequah Fire Dept., effective September 11, 2026.

6. REGULAR SESSION

- a) Discussion and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.
- b) Discussion and possible action to approve or deny continued use and renewal of Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Services. Police Chief Nate King
- c) Discussion and possible action on the expenditure of ARPA Fund-Housing Services in the amount of \$18,469.00. Ward 4 Councilor Josh Allen
- d) Discussion and possible action regarding White Ave. and future construction projects concerning Street Commissioner-led projects. Ward 2 Councilor Keith Baker

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session

- a) Pursuant to §25-307(B)(3), discussion related to the sale, purchase, lease, acquisition, or appraisal of real property by the public body.

8. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- a) Possible action related to the sale, purchase, lease, acquisition, or appraisal of property by the public body as discussed in the Executive Session.
- b) Adjournment.