

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MAY 7TH, 2018 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** by Councilor Highers at 7:01pm.
City Clerk DeAnna Hammons Called the **Roll call as follows:**

Present:	Councilor Ward I	Bree Long
	Councilor Ward II	Dower Combs
	Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

Absent: Mayor Nichols

OTHERS PRESENT: : City Attorney Grant Lloyd, City Administrator Ed Carr, Police Chief Nate King, Emergency Director Mike Underwood, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Parks Superintendent Charles Poteet, Public Relations Jami Murphy, News Media Tesina Jackson.

Invocation – Jake Adams - First Baptist Church
Flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Combs made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve the **minutes** of the April 2nd and April 16th, 2018 City Council Meetings
To accept the self-demotion of Cory Keele, from a Lieutenant to a Sergeant in the Police Department.
To hire Macy Baker, Emma Cates, Gracelyn Ross, Kayleigh Spears, Ivey Baker, Katelyn Renfro, Taya Green, Troy Hardbarger as lifeguards in the Recreation Department.

To acknowledge the retirement of Mike Fisher, as an Animal Control Officer in the Managerial Department, effective May 1, 2018.

To acknowledge the resignation of Taylor Payne, Trae Hendricks, and Channon Rankin as lifeguards in the Recreation Department effective May 1, 2018.

To acknowledge the resignation of John King as a part-time 552 laborer in the Recreation Department, effective May 1, 2018.

To acknowledge the retirement of Greg Blish as the Airport Manager, effective July 1, 2018.

To hire Lauren Lane as a part-time 552 laborer in the Recreation Department.

To hire Chris Brown as a part-time Dispatcher in the Police Department.

To acknowledge the resignation of Dylan Ford, as a part-time laborer in the Parks Department, effective April 14, 2018.

To hire Gabriel Medlin as a part-time 552 laborer in the Parks Department.

To hire Trenton Justice, Greg Glenn, and Aaron Chuculate as a 999 laborer in the Recreation Department.

Councilor Combs to be the appointee to the Eastern Oklahoma Development District Board.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none

Motion carried.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for May Employees:

Mark Manship - Maintenance Department – 25 years

Mitchell Sellers - Parks Department – 5 years

Report from Library- N/A

Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau – N/A

Report from Chamber of Commerce – N/A

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – N/A

Reports from City Departments:

Parks Department – N/A

Solid Waste – N/A

Street Department – Written

Fire Department – N/A

911 Department – N/A

Tahlequah Police Department – N/A

REGULAR SESSION

5. Councilor Bliss pulled the Acknowledge receipt of the **Financial** Reports from

February and March, 2018.

Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to acknowledge the receipt of the Financial Reports from February and March, 2018.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

- ***Councilor Highers moved agenda item #16 to be heard before agenda item number 6.***

(16.) Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **promote Dexter Scott to a Lieutenant in the Police Department.**

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Bliss, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

6. Discussion item only to adopt **Ordinance No. 1263-2018**, proposing a new **“Substantial Hotel Tax”** and related incentive rebate.

7. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve **Free Caselle training** to be held at the **AMC waving rental fees.**

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

8. No action was taken regarding **proposals for banking services.**

9. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to accept **grant funds** from the **State of Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management** in the amount of **\$10,000.00 toward the purchase of a new Ford F-250** and for vehicle upgrade requirements.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

10. No action was taken on the **all-inclusive park at Anthis Brennan.**

11. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve policies 309-313, 315-317, 320, 326, 327, 329 and 338 for the Police Department.**

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

12. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **create a cost reimbursement account for FBI Safe Trails Task Force in the amount of \$1,500.00.**

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Bliss, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

13. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **surplus a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria** VIN – 2FABP7BV5BX119646.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

14. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **renew the Interlocal Agreement** on the handling of **Juvenile Cases** between the District Court, Fifteenth Judicial District, and the City of Tahlequah, effective June 30, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

15. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **hire Lane Cobb as a full-time Dispatcher**, in the Police Department, at a grade T-112 Step 1.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

16. Agenda item heard before agenda item number 6.

17. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve the plat for Hawks Way Addition**.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

18. Discussion item only **to adopt Ordinance No. 1258-2018**, rezoning the property located on southeast corner of the **intersection of East Fourth Street and Kindle Avenue** from Single Family Dwelling District, R-1, to Two-Family Dwelling District, R-2.

19. Discussion item only **to adopt Ordinance No. 1259-2018**, rezoning the property located on southeast corner of the **intersection of Jamestown Drive and East Allen Road** from Single Family Dwelling District, R-1, to Two-Family Dwelling District, R-2.

20. Discussion item only **to adopt Ordinance No. 1260-2018**, rezoning the property located on northwest corner of the **intersection of First Street and Mission Avenue** from Single Family Dwelling District, R-1, to Multiple-Family Dwelling District, R-3.

- Councilor Long requested a recess at 9:18 p.m. and meeting was reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

21. Discussion item only **to adopt Ordinance No. 1261-2018**, rezoning the property located near southwest corner of the **intersection of Choctaw Street and West**

Avenue from Single Family Dwelling District, R-1, to General Commercial District, C-2.

22. Discussion item only **to adopt Ordinance No. 1262-2018**, rezoning the property located near southwest corner of the **intersection of Seminary Avenue and Vinita Avenue** from Single Family Dwelling District, R-1, to Multiple-Family Dwelling District, R-3.
23. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded on the **transfer / assignment of Hager lease** at Tahlequah Municipal Airport for hangar **site number one (1)** between **Larry R. Stanton and Scott M. Henson** as approved by the Tahlequah Airport Advisory Board on April 19, 2018.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

24. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

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- ❖ **Discussion pertaining to the 2018-2019 contract with the FOP Lodge 201, as provided in O.S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (2)**
 - ❖ **Discussion pertaining to potential appraisal, assessment, and/or other actions related to the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 15 and the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 and the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 22, all in Township 17 North, Range 22 East, all in Township 17 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Cherokee County, OK. , containing 65 acres more or less according to the United States Survey thereof, as provided in 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (3) and/or (4).**
 - ❖ **Discussion pertaining to the possible purchase of real property located at 609 Guinn Avenue, Tahlequah, OK, 74464, and 610 Guinn Avenue, Tahlequah, OK 74464, as provided in 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (3).**

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25. Councilor Highers reconvened regular meeting at 10:43 p.m.

26. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to approve the **2018-2019 contract with the FOP** Lodge 201 as amended.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Combs, Bliss, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

27. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to begin request for proposal process of sealed bids for sale and/or lease of property **S1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 15 and the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 and the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 22, all in Township 17 North, Range 22 East, all in Township 17 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Cherokee County, OK. , containing 65 acres more or less according to the United States Survey thereof** to be received no later than close of business August 3, 2018.

Vote: Ayes: Combs, Bliss, Long, Highers Nays: none Motion carried

28. No action was taken to **the possible purchase of real property located at 609 Guinn Avenue, Tahlequah, OK, 74464, and 610 Guinn Avenue, Tahlequah, OK 74464.**

29. There will be a **mid-month special meeting held on May 21, 2018 at 7:00p.m.**

30. **Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to Adjourn at 10:50 p.m.**

Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion carried