

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019 - 1:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

2. Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Catron at 1:01pm.
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	Trae Ratliff

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney BJ Baker, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Police Chief Nate King, Emergency Director Mike Underwood, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Human Resource Director M'Lynn Pape, IT Department Randy Powell, Public Relations Jami Murphy, Administrative Assistant Tesina O'field.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cathy Cott asked Council to speak in microphones.
Dr. John Uzzo spoke regarding the Tahlequah Hospital Authority audit report.
Tom Barnard regarding job recruiting for the 2020 US Census Bureau.

4. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve Resolution No. 10-24-19-A, a resolution of the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma (the "City") approving the incurrence of indebtedness by The Tahlequah Public Works Authority (the "Authority") issuing its Utility System Revenue Note, Taxable Series 2019 (the "Note"); providing that the organizational document creating the Authority is subject to the provisions of the Indenture authorizing the issuance of said Note; waiving competitive bidding with respect to the sale of said Note and approving the proceedings of the Authority pertaining to the sale of said Note; ratifying and confirming a Lease by and between the City and the Authority

pertaining to the City's water, sanitary sewer, electric and street lighting systems; and containing other provisions relating thereto.

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

5. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve Resolution No. 10-24-19-B, a resolution approving action taken by The Tahlequah Public Works Authority (the "Authority") authorizing issuance, sale and delivery of a promissory note of the Authority to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; ratifying and confirming a Lease, whereby the City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, leased its water, sanitary sewer, electric, and street lighting systems to the Authority; and containing other provisions related thereto.

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

6. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **adopt Ordinance No. 1291-2019, amending Part 3, Alcoholic Beverages, Taxation and Regulation**, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Tahlequah striking holidays mentioned in section 3-108 paragraph D and other amendments as discussed.

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

7. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **convert Park Avenue to a one-way street** from the intersection with Chickasaw to the intersection with Shawnee Street, and restrict the direction of traffic movements to northbound only.

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

8. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **approve an agreement for a phone system at the Fire Department with VIP Voice Services to replace the existing AT&T phone service.**

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

9. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to **terminate Thomas Reed as a part time laborer in the Parks and Recreation Department as of April 15, 2019.**

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

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to enter into an **agreement for grant writing services with Shelldon Miggetto** with modifications as recommended.

Vote: *Ayes:* Highers, Ratliff, Long, Combs *Nays:* none Motion carried

11. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 2:03 p.m.

Vote: *Ayes:* Ratliff, Long, Combs, Highers *Nays:* none Motion carried

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- ❖ Discussion to terminate Danya Curtis, Finance Director in the Managerial Department, as provided in 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (1).
 - ❖ Discussion to eliminate the Public Relations Specialist position and/or on the employment, termination or resignation of Jami Murphy, Public Relations Specialist in the Managerial Department, as provided in 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (1).

➤ **Mayor Sue Catron reconvened meeting at 3:30 p.m.**

12. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to terminate Danya Curtis, Finance Director in the Managerial Department.

Vote: *Ayes:* Long, Combs, Ratliff *Nays:* Highers Motion carried

13. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to approve agenda item as read by Mayor Catron.

Vote: *Ayes:* Combs, Ratliff, Long, *Nays:* Highers Motion carried

14. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to adjourn meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Vote: *Ayes:* Highers, Ratliff, Long, Combs *Nays:* none Motion carried

