

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 2, 2018 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 7:02 pm.
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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney BJ Baker, City Administrator Ed Carr, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Police Chief Nate King, Emergency Director Mike Underwood, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Human Resource Director Jessica Petty, Public Relations Jami Murphy, News Media Tesina Jackson.

Invocation – Mitch Parnell – Grace Baptist Church
Flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Uzzo spoke on 3 topics:

- He suggested the City of Tahlequah to support NSU's free tax preparation service for the public.
 - He spoke on investment recommendations for the City.
 - He discussed the hiring of certified public accountants.
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3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the **minutes** of the December 4th and December 11th, 2017 City Council Meetings.
Annual Calendar of Meeting for Historic Preservation date change from July 17th, 2018 to July 16th, 2018.

To accept the self-demotion of John Sutton, from a Recreation Foreman (T115) to a Recreation Laborer (T112).

To accept the promotion of Denton Hopkins, from a laborer in the Parks department to a foreman in the Recreation department, at a T114 step 1.

To accept the promotion of Justin Fort, from a part-time laborer to a full-time laborer in the Parks department, at a T112 step 1.

To accept the promotion of Jacki Moyers, from the Recreation Coordinator to the Recreation Superintendent in the Recreation department, at a T118 step 1

To accept the promotion of Jamie Hale, from the Events and Facilities Coordinator to the Recreation Coordinator in the Recreation department, at a T115 step 1.

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

Motion carried.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Tahlequah Police Department - none provided

Report from Library- none provided

Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau – none provided

Report from Chamber of Commerce – none provided

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – none provided

Reports from City Departments: Parks Department,

Solid Waste – none provided

Street Department – written

Fire Department – none provided

911 Department – none provided

REGULAR SESSION

5. Councilor Long pulled the consent item regarding Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports from September and October 2017.

Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to Acknowledge receipt of the September 2017 Financial Report.

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

6. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded on the **Refinancing/consolidation of hospital loans Resolution No 01-02-18.**

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

7. **There was a Public Hearing: regarding the annexation** of the property located

on the East side of the Highway 82 Bypass, North of Downing Street, West of Bliss Avenue, and South of Crafton Street, more particularly described as follows; a tract of land lying all in Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 22 East, Cherokee County, Oklahoma, total land to be annexed, 50 acres, more or less.

8. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to adopt **Ordinance No.1251-2018, annexing** the property located on the East side of the Highway 82, North of Downing Street, West of Bliss Avenue, and South of Crafton Street, more particularly described as follows;

Tract 1

The NE4 SW4 of Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 22 East, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

Total land to be annexed40 acres, more or less.

And

Tract 2

The W2 E2 SE4 SW4, less a tract of land more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the East boundary and 50.0 feet North of the Southeast corner of said W2 SE4 SE4 SW4, said point being on the North boundary of U.S. Highway No. 62; Thence N0°13'W, along the East boundary of said W2 SE4 SE4 SW4, 298.0 feet; Thence N89°54'W, 5.0 feet; Thence S0°24'32"E, 298.03 feet to a point on the North boundary of U.S. Highway No. 62; Thence S89°54'E, 4.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, all in Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

and

A tract of land in the W2 SE4 SE4 SW4 more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the East boundary and 50.0 feet North of the Southeast corner of said W2 SE4 SE4 SW4, said point being on the North boundary of U.S. Highway No. 62; Thence N0°13'W, along the East boundary of said W2 SE4 SE4 SW4, 298.0 feet; Thence N89°54'W, 5.0 feet; Thence S0°24'32"E, 298.03 feet to a point on the North boundary of U.S. Highway No. 62; Thence S89°54'E, 4.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, all in Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

Total land to be annexed10 acres, more or less.

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

9. No action was taken to **hire a Patrolman** in the Police Department.

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire Mitch Sellers as a Dispatcher** in the Police Department at a T112 Step 1.

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

11. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **purchase** a new **Ford F-250 4X4 truck** for the department of **Emergency Management**.

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

12. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **amend “All” City of Tahlequah meeting agenda procedures and rules of business** to include the City Clerk receiving agenda items and supporting documents by 12:00 p.m. 3 days prior to a City Council Meeting and Agenda must be approved by 12:00 p.m. 2 days prior to a City Council Meeting by the City Administrator or City Attorney excluding weekends and holidays with exception to an emergency meeting as provided in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

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

13. There will be a Mid-Month Special Meeting held January 22nd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

14. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to Adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

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

