

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 7:01 pm.
The City Clerk Deb Corn called **the roll** as follows:

Present:	Councilor Ward I	Bree Long
	Councilor Ward II	Dr. Charles Carroll
	Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss

Others present: City Administrator Ed Carr, City Treasurer Lanny Williams, City Attorney Angela Jones, Police Chief Nate King, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Finance Director Marcie Gilliam, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Emergency Director Mike Underwood, Solid Waste Services Assistant Superintendent Chris Armstrong, Maintenance Superintendent Mark Manship, News Media Mike Elswick.

Invocation – Police Chief Nate King.
Flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the **minutes** of the January 3, 23 and 27, 2017 City Council Meetings

Acknowledge receipt of the **Financial** Reports from December 2016

Accept the **resignation** of Sarah Hall as Dispatcher in the **Police Dept.**

Approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$2,943.67 for Jan. 2017 step raises

Hire Brandon Bardis as a part-time 999-hour laborer in the **Solid Waste Services**

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for February Employees: none

Report from Library - none
Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau - none
Report from Chamber of Commerce (written)
Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association (written)
Reports from City Departments: Solid Waste Services (written), Street Department (written)

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5. There were no items removed from the **consent** agenda.
No action required.
6. There was no action taken on selecting a **quote** for the **video** system in the City **Council Chambers**.
No action taken.
7. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to adopt **Ordinance** No. 1241-2017, **rezoning** property located at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Fifth Street and Basin Avenue, from Single-Family Dwelling District (R-1) to General Commercial District (C-2).
Vote: Ayes: Bliss, Long, Carroll, Highers Nays: none Motion carried.
8. There was general discussion on the **erosion** of the bank at the **River City Park** and possible future plans to use alternate routes to gain access to the pump station.
No action taken.
9. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Carroll seconded to consider a different entity for the 2016 **financial compilation** for audit. After discussion on letting the City Attorney make contact with the current entity, Councilor Carroll withdrew his second and the motion died for lack of a second.
No action taken.
10. City Administrator Ed Carr gave the Council an update on the projects to **remodel**, upgrade and purchase furniture for **City Hall**.
No action needed.
11. Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to hire Toney Fout as a Collector in Solid Waste Services at Grade 3, Step 1.
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Carroll Nays: none Motion carried.
12. There was no action taken to **change** the **\$10.95** an hr. part-time 999-hour laborer in the Rec Department to an **\$8.95** an hour part-time 999-hr laborer.
No action taken.
13. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **make** the part-time 999-hr **Recreation Coordinator** position in the Rec Department, to a **full-time** Recreation Coordinator at Grade 6, Step 1.
Vote: Ayes: Long, Carroll, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion carried.

14. Councilor Bliss made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **accept** the **Job Description** for the Recreation Coordinator and Accept the **changes** to the job descriptions of the Recreation Superintendent, Recreation Foreman, and the Recreation Events and Facilities Coordinator.

Vote: Ayes: Carroll, Highers, Bliss, Long Nays: none Motion carried.

15. After discussion on different dates and times the Council did not set a **mid-month special meeting**.

No action taken.

16. Councilor Highers made the motion and Councilor Long seconded to **adjourn** at 8:15 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Long, Carroll Nays: Bliss Motion carried.