

MINUTES

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of

City Council Meeting:

Monday, August 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting:

The meeting was held by Videoconference and/or Teleconference. See 25 O.S. §307.1(C).

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Catron at 7:02 p.m.

City Clerk DeAnna Hammons Called the **Roll call as follows:**

2. Roll call.

Present:

Councilor Ward I	Bree Long
Councilor Ward II	Dower Combs
Councilor Ward IV	Trae Ratliff
Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers

Absent: None

Others Present:

Mayor Sue Catron, City Attorney Grant Lloyd, City Clerk DeAnna Hammons, Interim City Administrator Alan Chapman, City Treasurer Marty Hainzinger

3. Public Notice: A Public Notice of meeting was provided July 22, 2020 at 5:36 p.m.

4. PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS:

Videoconference and/or Teleconference Access Instructions for Public Attendance at the Meeting: the Public may remotely attend this meeting by joining the Zoom meeting via the web or the Zoom app (www.zoom.us) **Access Code 864 4590 8028 Password 509971.** Materials presented electronically to Councilors that attend remotely will be made available to those Councilors via the Zoom meeting platform and/or or another digital platform. If you wish to receive a copy of any materials that are presented to the City Council via Zoom or otherwise, please submit your request to cityclerk@cityoftahlequah.com.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) To approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020, & July 20, 2020 City Council meetings.
- b) To acknowledge the monthly check register for July 2020.
- c) To accept the resignation Jessica Lear, Lifeguard, in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective July 19, 2020.
- d) To accept the resignation from Carrie Kirchner, Dispatcher, in the Police Department, effective July 31, 2020.
- e) To accept the resignation of Caleb Murray, Laborer in the Recreation Department, effective July 29, 2020.
- f) To accept the self-termination from Gabe Medlin, Part Time Laborer 999, in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective July 31, 2020.
- g) To accept the self-termination from Nathan Calhoon, Collector, in the Solid Waste Department, effective July 31, 2020.
- h) To approve Landlord’s Consent to Assignment related to private hangar lease agreement for Hangar Lease # 1 executed August 19, 2019.
- i) Removed by Councilor Long.

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

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for **August** Employees:

- **Robert Duncan – 5 years – Fire Department**
- **Jesus Nava – 5 years – Fire Department**
- **Ryan Heath Pennington – 5 years – Fire Department**
- **Jimmy Neugin – 15 years – Solid Waste**

Report from Tour Tahlequah a Department of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce-
Written and Verbal

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – Verbal

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8. Councilor Long removed consent item:
- i) To accept the resignation of Charles Wayne Ryals, Street Commissioner, effective August 31, 2020.

Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to accept the resignation of Charles Wayne Ryals, Street Commissioner, effective August 31, 2020.

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

9. Discussion and **update** from the **Crisis Task Force**.

10. Discussion and **update** from the **Recovery Task Force**.

11. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to adopt **Ordinance No. 1308-2020** related to a **citywide face mask and/or nose and mouth covering mandate** in response to the COVID -19 pandemic.

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

12. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve the **Emergency Clause** found in **Ordinance No. 1308-2020**.

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

13. Discussion related to reinstatement of **Ordinance 14-403 Cemetery Board**.

➤ Mayor Catron heard agenda item number 15 before agenda item number 14.

15. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to adopt **Ordinance 1306-2020**, changing the zoning of property located at North of City, **N. Grand Ave. and Highway 82 Bypass**, from Single Family Dwelling District, R-1, to General Commercial District, C-2 for the following real estate:

A tract or parcel of land described as follows: A tract of land lying in and being part of the N2 SW4 SE4 and a part of the S2NW4 SE4 and a part of the NW4 NW4 SE4 of Section 21, Township17 North, Range 22 East, Cherokee County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows. To-wit; Beginning at a point 40.0 feet East of the Westerly boundary of said S2 NW4 SE4 and 950.0 feet North of the South boundary of said N2 SW4 SE4 said point being on the East boundary of Oklahoma State Highway No. 82; thence N 89°50'26" E, 240.00 feet; thence S 0°06'29"E, 450.00 feet; thence N 89°50'25" E, 999.54 feet to a point on the Southerly boundary of Oklahoma State Highway No.82 By-Pass; thence N 52°32'07" W, along the Southerly boundary of Oklahoma State Highway No. 82 By-Pass, 4.84 feet, thence N88°15'46" W, 209.83 feet, thence I a Northwesterly

Direction on a curve to the right, having a radius of 2565.53 feet, the chord being N 51°53' W, 521.50 feet, an arc distance of 522.40 feet; thence N 40°58'55" W, 238.77 feet, thence in a Northwesterly direction on a curve to the right, having a radius of 2555.53 feet, the chord being N 30°09'42" W, 932.24 feet, an arc distance of 937.47 feet; thence S 89°53'31" W, 8.13 feet to a point on the East boundary of Oklahoma State Highway NO. 82; thence S 0°06'29" E, 942.28 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 11.91 acres, more or less
Shall be, and the same is, hereby changed from R-1 Single Family Dwelling District to C-2 General Commercial District.

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

14. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to amend **grant application for additional funding for city street lighting** under the State Energy Program (SEP 2020) with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

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

16. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to adopted **Ordinance 1307-2020**, changing the zoning of property located a **1210 and 1300 Seminary Avenue**, form Single Family Dwelling District, R-1, to Multi-Family Dwelling District, R-3 for the following real estate:

A tract or parcel of land described as follows:

Tract 1; Beginning at the NW Corner of the W1/2 of W1/2 of SE1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 17, Range 22 East; Thence South a distance of 271 Feet to a point of beginning; thence South 50 feet; thence East a distance of 165 feet; thence North a distance of 50 feet; thence a distance of 165 feet to point of beginning; 1300 Seminary Ave.

Tract 2; A tract of land lying or situated in the W2 of W2 SE4 of NE4 of NW4 of Section 28, Township 17, Range 22 East if the I.B. & M., more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of said 2 ½ acres 321 Feet South of the NW corner there of; thence East 165 Feet; thence South 84 Feet; thence West 165 Feet; thence North 84 feet to Point of Beginning, Cherokee County, State of Oklahoma; 1210 Seminary Ave.

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

17. **Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m.**

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