

AGENDA
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. **MEETING CONVENED**

Meeting **called to order.**

Roll call.

Invocation – Pastor Buddy Hunt from First Baptist Church.

Flag salute.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments will be accepted from the general public concerning topics that are not included in the meeting's agenda. Individuals will be limited to 3 minutes of speaking time and the cumulative total of all comments from the public shall not exceed 15 minutes. Preference will be given to Tahlequah citizens. In compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, no action or discussion is permitted by the City Council on any issue or topic raised by a speaker during this public comment period.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

These items are placed on the **Consent** Agenda so that members of the City Council, by unanimous consent, can designate routine items to be approved by one motion. Any item proposed on the Consent Agenda not meeting with the approval of all Council members will be removed and heard in Regular Session.

Approve the **minutes** of the February 1 and February 16, 2016 City Council Meetings

Acknowledge receipt of January 2016 **Financial Report**

Accept the Street, Drainage and Utility **Easement** from Industrial Trust Auth.

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Accept the **resignation** of Sam Hoag as a 999-hour employee in the **Rec Dept.**

Accept the **resignation** of Ciera Harper as a 490-hour employee in the **Rec Dept.**

Approve Capital Improvement Fund **Budget Amendment** # 04 in the amount of \$470.00, to increase budget due to revenue received from Cherokee County Office of District Attorney Asset Forfeiture for purchase of Special Ops Equipment for Law Enforcement

Approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$1,080.17, for the February 2016 step raises

Approve the **hire** of Nico Pugliese as a part-time 999-hr laborer in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.95 an hour

Approve the **hire** of Windaline Freemole as a part-time 999-hr laborer in the **Rec Department** with a salary of \$8.95 an hour

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for March Employees: None
Report from Library.
Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau.
Report from Chamber of Commerce.
Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association.
Reports from City Departments: Street Department, Fire Department

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5. Discussion and possible action on items removed from the **consent** agenda.
6. Discussion and possible action to **commit** to provide **matching funds** necessary to cover all costs necessary **to complete** the demolition of the “Green Building” and construction of the outdoor pavilion exceeding the 15701 CDBG 13 grant amount of \$91,464.00 and the 16140 CDBG 2014 grant amount of \$126,747.00. Gary Wesselhoft.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees for a **street project** on N. Bryant Rd. Rick Glory.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees for a **street project** on West Keetoowah St. Rick Glory.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve **repayment** of a **loan** from Winter Wonderland to General Fund Recreation Improvement account in the amount of \$14,000.00. Marcie Gilliam/Cathy Cooper.
10. Discussion and possible action to temporarily **stop tree removal** on Bluff Avenue and Sequoyah Park. Councilor Weston.
11. Discussion and possible action to **place “No Left Turn” signs** on each side of Boone Street where it intersects with the bypass. Councilor Carroll.
12. Discussion and possible action to **install a traffic circle** south of the by-pass where White Ave. and Mahaney Ave. intersect. Councilor Carroll.
13. Discussion and possible action to **close** Muskogee Avenue from Choctaw to Goingsnake **Streets**, including intersections of the cross streets, on April 29th, 30th, and May 1st **2016** for the 10th Annual **Red Fern Festival**. Mayor Nichols.
14. Discussion and possible action to **change** the **time** of the special mid-month **meetings** from 7:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Councilor Weston.

15. Discussion and possible action to permanently **close** the low water **bridge** on Circle Street. Councilor Bliss.
16. Discussion/**update** on the progress of the Safe Routes to Schools **Grant**. Councilor Bliss.
17. Discussion and possible action to approve an **amendment** to the Employee Handbook of **Personnel Policies** in section “205 – Nepotism” to add wording that would exempt “all temporary, seasonal, part-time and sporadic employees in the Recreation and Park Departments only”. Councilor Bliss.
18. Discussion and possible action to **appoint** the Management Negotiating Members and Chief **Negotiator** for the 2016-2017 Agreement with **IAFF** Local 4099. Kevin Smith.
19. Discussion and possible action to **appoint** the Management Negotiating Members and Chief **Negotiator** for the 2016-2017 Agreement with **FOP** Lodge 201. Kevin Smith.
20. Discussion on the **mid-month** special **meeting**.
21. **Adjourn**.