

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

Public Notice of meeting provided July 5, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at 111 S. Cherokee Ave.
Tahlequah, OK.

ZOOM ID: **846 9491 6140** PASSWORD: **4560651**

1. **MEETING CONVENED** and called to order by Mayor Myers at 5:30p.m.

2. City Clerk Whitney Shaw called the **Roll call as follows:**

Present:

Councilor Ward I	Bree Long
Councilor Ward II	Keith Baker
Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
Councilor Ward IV	Josh Allen

Others Present:

Mayor Suzanne Myers, City Attorney John Tyler Hammons, City Administrator Taylor Tannehill, City Treasurer Marty Hainzinger, City Clerk Whitney Shaw, IT Support Kendall Collins

3. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS:**

Videoconference and/or teleconference access instructions for public attendance at the meeting: the public, nonvoting elected officials, and City staff may remotely attend this meeting by joining the Zoom meeting via the web or the Zoom app (www.zoom.us) **Access Code: 896 9491 6140 Password: 4560651.** If you wish to receive a copy of any materials that are presented to the City Council, please submit your request to cityclerk@tahlequah.gov.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Allen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) To approve nomination and appointment of **Troy Kent Davis** to the **Tahlequah Hospital Authority Board.**
- b) **Removed by Councilor Allen.**

- c) Approve lease of 2024 Ford F-350 for the **Maintenance Department** through **Enterprise Fleet Management**, budgeted and paid for by GL Code: 210-50-8459.
- d) Approve lease of **2024 Ford F-350** for the **Parks & Recreation Department** through **Enterprise Fleet Management**, budgeted and paid for by GL Code: 210-50-8503.
- e) Approve lease of a second **2024 Ford F-350** for the **Parks & Recreation Department** through **Enterprise Fleet Management**, budgeted and paid for by GL Code: 210-50-8503.
- f) Approve the purchase for Solid Waste of a **Western Star 47X with GalFab small roll-off truck** under **State contract #SW035T**, in the amount of \$158,038.00 from **Premier Truck Group**.
- g) Approve lease of four (4) Dodge Durangos from Enterprise Fleet Management for **patrol vehicles** in the **Police Department**, using current **Police Department budget**.
- h) **Removed by Councilor Allen.**
- i) Approve appointment of **Jeff Thorne** to the **Abatement Board**.
- j) To accept the **resignation** from **Chase Robertson**, Laborer/Operator in the **Street Department**, effective August 15, 2023. **(HR)**
- k) To hire **Robert Harrell** as a Driver in the **Solid Waste Department** at \$35,500 annually, effective August 22, 2023. **(HR)**
- l) To accept the resignation from **Jeremy Schlarb**, Mechanic in the **Solid Waste Department**, effective July 21, 2023. **(HR)**
- m) To hire **Aaron Colvin** as a Mechanic in the **Solid Waste Department** at \$33,500 annually, effective August 22, 2023. **(HR)**
- n) Approval to increase CIF Budget for **Street Department Truck PO** cancelled from prior year.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Allen, Highers, Baker

Nays: None

Motion carried

REGULAR SESSION

6. Discussion and possible action on items removed from the **consent agenda**.

- b) Councilor Allen made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **approve with modifications** the acceptance of a \$4050.00 **donation** from **PETCO** and place in the “spay and neuter” program and amend the budget accordingly.

Vote: Ayes: Allen, Long, Highers, Baker

Nays: None

Motion carried

- h) Councilor Allen made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to approve with modifications to accept and place a \$20,000 **donation for law enforcement equipment** from the **Cherokee Nation** into the appropriate restrictive fund and amend the budget accordingly.

Vote: Ayes: Allen, Long, Baker, Highers

Nays: None

Motion carried

7. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to exit Regular Session and enter into **Executive Session** at 5:33 p.m. Council returned to regular session at 5:52 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Long, Highers, Baker, Allen

Nays: None

Motion carried

8. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Baker seconded to accept the negotiated **contract for 2023-2024** with the **Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 201**.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Baker, Allen, Long

Nays: None

Motion carried

9. Meeting **adjourned** at 5:53 p.m.