

MINUTES
TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.

1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catron at 5:30 pm.

Roll call as follows:

Present: Councilor Ward II Keith Baker
 Councilor Ward III Stephen Highers
 Councilor Ward IV Trae Ratliff

Others Present:

Mayor Sue Catron, City Attorney John Tyler Hammons, City Treasurer Marty Hainzinger, City Clerk Whitney Shaw, and IT Support Kendall Collins

Not Present:

Councilor Ward I Bree Long, City Administrator Alan Chapman

Invocation – Ed Haworth, Exciting Southeast Church

Flag salute.

Public Notice: A Public Notice of meeting was provided December 6, 2022 at 4:45 p.m. to the Secretary of State of Oklahoma and additional notice was provided February 2, 2023 at 3:31 p.m. at 111 Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464.

2. 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 816 7895 0349** 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.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) To approve the minutes from the Council Meetings on January 3, 2023.
- b) To acknowledge receipt of the November Check Register.
- c) To acknowledge receipt of the November Financial Statement.
- d) To acknowledge receipt of the December Purchasing Card statement.
- e) To acknowledge receipt of the December Check Register.

- f) To acknowledge receipt of the December Investment Schedule.
- g) To acknowledge receipt of the January Check Register.
- h) To approve a budget amendment of \$100,000 to cover Tru by Hilton rebates through June 30, 2023.
- i) To authorize the Mayor to execute and accept the Private Access Easement dated October 12, 2022 from Grantor Peggy W. Eaton.
- j) To authorize the Mayor to execute an affirmation of right to use agreement with Lake Region Cooperative, Inc. and Lake Region Technology and Communications, LLC to utilize an existing street, drainage, and utility easement for electrical distribution telecommunications distribution Recorded in Book 665 at Page 959 of the County Records of Cherokee County, Oklahoma.
- k) To authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the City of Tahlequah to remove 1.06 mile segment of SH-82 from the State Highway System and transfer the segment to the City's Jurisdiction.
- l) To authorize the Mayor to execute a maintenance agreement between the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the City of Tahlequah for the installation of highway illumination along SH-82, Project Number STP-211C(085)PM, Job Piece No. 27101(04).
- m) To accept the resignation from Madeline Keys, Chance Johnson, Trace Russell, and Jack McKee, Lifeguards in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective January 19, 2023.
- n) To accept the resignation from Jacie Yell, Sr. Head Lifeguard in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective January 19, 2023.
- o) To accept the resignations from Sean Downey, Jacob Brown, and Christian Self, PT Laborer (552) in the Parks and Recreation Department effective January 19, 2023.
- p) To hire Cole Duvall, Ryan Kirk, Daniel Sosa, Hailey Parris, Tyger Jimerson, and Joe Enlow III as Lifeguards in the Parks and Recreation Department at \$12.00 per hour effective May 1, 2023.
- q) To promote Claire Settle, Head Lifeguard in the Parks and Recreation Department to Sr. Head Lifeguard at \$15.00 per hour effective May 1, 2023.
- r) To promote Martin Falcon and Dorothy Swearingen, Lifeguards in the Parks and Recreation Department to Head Lifeguards at \$13.00 per hour effective May 1, 2023.
- s) To promote Robert Sturm, Labor/Operator in the Street Department to Foreman at \$40,068.78 annually, effective February 6, 2023.
- t) To hire Dalton Tolliver and Jeffrey Titus, Labor/Operators in the Street Department at \$30,148.00 annually, effective February 6, 2023.
- u) To hire Conner Ashlock, Driver in the Solid Waste Department at \$32,500 annually, effective February 6, 2023.
- v) To hire 4 Patrolman and 1 Dispatcher in the Police Department between February 6, 2023 and June 30, 2023 in anticipation of Patrolman leaving and retiring.

Vote: Ayes: Highers, Ratliff, Baker

Nays: none

Motion carried

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Recognition of Years of Service for **February**: NONE

Report from Library – No report

Report from Chamber of Commerce – Verbal by Nathan Reed

Report from Tourism – Verbal by Gena McPhail

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association – Verbal by Jamie Hale

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6. No items were removed from **consent** agenda
7. A presentation from Leif Kindberg of the Illinois River Watershed Partnership on “Water Quality Challenges and Opportunities on the Illinois River Watershed”.
8. No action was taken on the request from “Que for a Cause” to use Anthis-Brennan on August 4th and 5th, 2023 for a BBQ Contest. Both Councilor Ratliff and Mayor Catron acknowledged and agreed to the dates for the BBQ contest.
9. First reading of and discussion on **Ordinance No. 1348-2023**, An Ordinance of The City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Amending Part 15, Traffic And Vehicles, By Adding Chapter 15, Electric Motorized Scooters; Section 15-1501, Definitions; Section 15-1502, Operation of Electric Motorized Scooters; Section 11-203, Parking of Electric Motorized Scooters; Section 15-1504, Safety Regulations; Section 15-1505, Operators Permit Required; Section 15-1506, Application for Operators Permit; Section 15-1507, Denial of Permit; Section 15-1508, Suspension of Permit; Section 15-1509, Appeals; Section 15-1510, Scooter-Share Program; Section 15-1511, Identification of Shared Scooters; Section 15-1512, Insurance Requirements; Section 15-1513, Data Sharing; Providing for Codification, Severability, Repealer, and Setting an Effective Date.
10. First reading of and discussion on **Ordinance No. 1349-2023**, An Ordinance of The City of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Amending Part 11, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs; By adding Chapter 2, Special Events; by adding Section 11-201, Definition; by adding Section 11-202; Permit Required; by adding Section 11-203; Form of Application; by adding Section 11-204, Criteria for Permit; by adding Section 11-205, Bond Required; by adding Section 11-206, Decision; by adding Section 11-207, Alternatives; by adding Section 11-208, Appeals; by amending Part 14, Streets and Public Works; Chapter 2, Use and Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks; Section 14-206, Unlawful to Obstruct Sidewalks, Streets with Merchandise; Section 14-207, Unlawful to Obstruct Unduly Sidewalks and Streets; Section 14-209, Unlawful t Congregate on Streets, Sidewalks; Providing for Codification, Severability, Repealer, and Setting an Effective Date
11. Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Ratliff seconded to approve a waiver of the Purchasing Policy competitive bidding requirements and accept the lowest quote for electrical work from Quintergy, in the amount of \$54,115.68, for work at the Police Department to accommodate the housing of Cherokee County 911.
Vote: Ayes: Highers, Ratliff, Baker Nays: None Motion carried
12. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to approve a budget amendment for the American Rescue Fund to appropriate \$70,000 for

the remodel of the Tahlequah Police Department to accommodate the housing of Cherokee County 911.

Vote: Ayes: Ratliff, Highers, Baker

Nays: None

Motion carried

13. Councilor Ratliff made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to exit Regular Session and enter into executive session.

Vote: Ayes: Ratliff, Highers, Baker

Nays: None

Motion carried

14. Reconvened from Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

15. Discussion related to the possible purchase and/or appraisal of real property located at or around T16N R22E S04 (2.37 acres M/L), Tahlequah, OK 74464.

16. Special Meeting set for Friday, February 11, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Ratliff, Highers, Baker

Nays: None

Motion carried

17. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.