

AGENDA

TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Date/Time of City Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: The meeting will be held at 111 Cherokee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464 (voting members of the public body will be present in person) and by Videoconference and/or Teleconference.

All voting members of the public body will attend the meeting in person, any member of the public, nonvoting elected officials, and/or City staff may attend the meeting in person with appropriate distancing or remotely by Zoom Videoconference and/or Teleconference. Instructions for remote attendance are provided below.

Join “Zoom” Meeting
Meeting ID: 815 8763 9276
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1. MEETING CONVENED

Meeting called to order

Roll call

Invocation – Ed Haworth – New Life Worship Church

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Public Notice: A Public Notice of meeting was provided December 8, 2020 at 3:32 p.m. to the Secretary of State of Oklahoma and additional notice was provided August 19, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

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 815 8763 9276 Password 037756**. If you wish to receive a copy of any materials that are presented to the City Council, please submit your request to cityclerk@cityoftahlequah.com.

Videoconference and/or Teleconference Notice: This meeting may include communication by members of the public, nonvoting elected officials, and/or City staff to the City Council, and those communications may be by auditory communication or by visual and auditory communication.

Those attending via the Zoom Videoconference may ask questions during the discussion of each agenda item by typing the word “question” along with his or her name in the chat bar and waiting to be called on. If communicating via the Zoom Videoconference and/or Teleconference, the Mayor will call upon you to unmute yourself so that you may speak. Only questions spoken out loud are allowed to be responded to. **Please do not type out your questions in the chat bar.** Should there be any technical difficulties during the meeting please refer to the City of Tahlequah website and/or City of Tahlequah Facebook page as the City will address any issues and/or provide further instructions.

3. 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 residents. 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.

If you wish to comment type the word "Comment" along with your name in the chat bar and wait to be called on.

4. 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.

- a) To approve the minutes of the August 2, 13, 16, & 30 2021 City Council meetings. (Pgs 1-12)
- b) To acknowledge receipt of the monthly check register for August 2021.
- c) To acknowledge receipt of the July 2021 financials. (Pgs 13-23)
- d) To approve amended 2021 Meeting Schedule for the Historic Preservation Board. (Pg 24)
- e) To appoint Mr. Bob Girdner as a Trustee to the Tahlequah Hospital Authority replacing Ms. Judy Williams.
- f) To appoint Mr. Bobby McAlpine as a Trustee to the Tahlequah Hospital Authority replacing Ms. Susan Plumb.
- g) To appoint Dr. John Galdamez as a Trustee to the Tahlequah Hospital Authority replacing Dr. Charles Gosnell.
- h) To accept the resignations from Misti Armstrong, Part Time Laborer Cashier/Court, in the Managerial Department, effective August 16, 2021.
- i) To accept the resignations from Benjamin Jackson, Trinity Reed and Zoeie Gage, Lifeguards, in the Parks and Recreation Department, effective August 9, 2021.
- j) To lift the moratorium and hire Tiffany Coones, Part Time Laborer in the Parks and Recreation Department at \$10.50 per hour.
- k) To lift the moratorium and hire Kaylea Moss, Part Time Cashier/Court in the Managerial Department at \$10.50 per hour.
- l) To lift the moratorium and hire Robby Morgan as a Full Time Collector T112, in the Solid Waste Department effective September 11, 2021.
- m) To lift the moratorium and hire Chris Hougland as a Full Time Collector T112, in the Solid Waste Department effective September 11, 2021.
- n) To lift the moratorium and hire Kristen Jones as a Full Time Collector T112, in the Solid Waste Department effective September 11, 2021.
- o) To lift the moratorium and hire Arlen Favinger as a Full Time Laborer T112, in the Parks and Recreation Department effective September 11, 2021.
- p) To promote Bruce Gower from Dispatcher to Patrolman I in the Police Department effective September 11, 2021 and adjust pay according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

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

- **Paul Yochum – Police Department -15 years**
- **William Robertson – Police Department – 5 years**
- **Billy Hicks – Street Department – 5 years**

Recognition of the City of Tahlequah's **Employee of the Month**, September 2021 Presented by Director of Human Resources M'Lynn Pape

Report from Library

Report from Chamber of Commerce

Report from Tour Tahlequah a Department of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce

(Pgs 24A-24F)

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association

REGULAR SESSION

6. Discussion and possible action on items removed from the **consent** agenda.
 7. Discussion related to **Covid-19 Pandemic**. Mayor Sue Catron
 8. Discussion and possible action to **authorize** use of **City owned property** for the installation of **bee hotels** by Girl Scout Troop 1380. Planning and Development Director Taylor Tannehill (Pgs 25-28)
 9. Discussion and possible action to **approve** participation in the **Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security** Fiscal Year 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant and execute/sign all documents as needed. Emergency Management Director Mike Underwood (Pgs 29-73)
 10. Discussion and possible action to **accept an MOU between the City of Tahlequah and FOP Lodge #201 in regard to Covid schedule**. Police Chief Nate King (Pgs 74-76)
 11. Discussion related to the **Tahlequah Hospital Authority (THA)** doing business as **Northeastern Health System, THA trust indenture of 1974, THA lease of 1974, THA trust amendment of 1986, THA trust amendment of 2010, any other documents or correspondence related to proposed THA trust amendments, and any other documents or correspondence pertaining to THA or any of the component units or partnerships of the THA doing business as Northeastern Health System, as reflected in their financial reports, whether wholly or partially owned by THA**. Mayor Sue Catron (Pgs 77-151)
 12. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to exit Regular Session and enter into Executive Session.**
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- ❖ Discussion pertaining to the 2021-2022 contract with **IAFF Local 4099**, as provided in 25 O.S. §307 (B) (2).

- ❖ Discussion regarding confidential communications related to ***City of Tahlequah v. Springwater Properties, LLC, et al., Cherokee County District Court, State of Oklahoma, Case Nos. CV-2018-43 and CJ-2020-56***, as provided by 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (3), (4), and/or (7).
 - ❖ Discussion regarding confidential communications related to ***Edward G. Carr v. City of Tahlequah, et al., Cherokee County District Court, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2020-158***, as provided by 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (4) and/or (7).
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13. Reconvene Regular Session.

14. Discussion and possible action pertaining to the 2021-2022 contract with the IAFF.

15. Discussion and possible action on and possible action related to ***City of Tahlequah v. Springwater Properties, LLC, et al., Cherokee County District Court, State of Oklahoma, Case Nos. CV-2018-43 and CJ-2020-56***.

16. Discussion and possible action on and possible action related to ***Edward G. Carr v. City of Tahlequah, et al., Cherokee County District Court, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2020-158***.

17. Discussion of mid-month special meetings.

18. **Adjourn.**