

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
December 14, 2016**

The Honorable City Council met in a special Council meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

Present:

Mayor Ken Tedford
City Councilman, Robert H. Erickson
City Councilwoman, Kelly Frost
City Councilman, James D. Richardson
Chief of Police, Kevin Gehman
City Clerk, Gary C. Cordes
Deputy City Clerk, Elsie M. Lee
City Attorney, Michael F. Mackedon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

City Clerk Cordes advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

No public comments were noted.

Approval of City of Fallon June 30, 2016 Audited Financial Statements

Mayor Tedford noted that some members of the Audit Committee are present today, Councilman Erickson and City Attorney Mackedon.

Councilman Erickson stated that NRS 354.624 requires that all cities provide an annual audit of their financial statements and the City of Fallon has engaged, for a number of years, the firm of Eide Bailly to perform the audit. The audit report will be presented today and it has been reviewed by the Audit Committee, which consists of himself, City Attorney Mackedon, and Deputy City Attorney Erquiaga. The Audit Committee has worked with the auditor throughout the audit and prior to the audit regarding the timing, progression, recommendations and findings

of the auditors. At this time, he asked Ms. Kristin Chinvarasopak of Eide Bailly to begin her presentation.

Ms. Chinvarasopak explained that she is a partner with Eide Bailly in the Reno office. She had been tasked with the responsibility of conducting and supervising the audit over the City's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016. In connection with the audit, they issue two reports. The first report is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; this is the audit report of the financial statements. This report tells you that we are expressing an unmodified opinion on the City's financial statements. Work is performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. She also pointed out that there are nine separate opinions that go along with this report. We do issue an opinion on the government wide business-type funds.

Another report is the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements. This year there was one finding that was considered a significant deficiency. A significant deficiency does not rise to the level of being material to the financial statements themselves. But we do believe it warrants the attention of the Mayor and Council. It was regarding some adjustments that we requested be made to the recording cutoff of receivables and payables, none of which were individually material but given that there were a couple of them, we determined that it warranted being considered a significant deficiency along with some data entry of budgeted information into the general ledger. So, in connection with all of that, it rose to the level of a significant deficiency. She is working with City Clerk Cordes on a response to that finding and a corrective action plan. She also pointed out that there were no instances of noncompliance in connection with NRS or NAC. She noted that was good news.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to approve the City of Fallon June 30, 2016 Audited Financial Statements as presented and transmit it to the Nevada Department of Taxation; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Mayor Tedford thanked Councilman Erickson, City Attorney Mackedon, Deputy City Attorney Erquiaga, and City Clerk Cordes for their efforts during this audit.

Appointment of Kristopher Alexander as Fallon Police Captain

Mayor Tedford read the following statement: "Kristopher Alexander began his career with the Fallon Police Department in 1997 as a Reserve Police Officer, while also working as a firefighter at NAS Fallon. In August of 1998, he was hired full-time with the Fallon Police Department. Since then, he has taken on many roles within the department, including Police Officer, School Resource Officer, and Sergeant. He has worked as an investigator assigned to the North Central Narcotics Task Force, and has assisted with the Fallon Police Department Explorer Program as an advisor.

Kris has most recently been assigned to the Patrol Division as a Sergeant, supervising the Field Training Officer Program and day to day activities, maintaining department equipment, and acting as a mentor to other officers. He has consistently demonstrated that he is capable, reliable, trustworthy, and above all, loyal.

Outside of work, Kris likes to spend his off time with his daughter, Sophia. He also has made a hobby of riding his Harley-Davidson, and has thus far logged thousands of miles throughout the 11 western states.”

Mayor Tedford stated that it was a pleasure for him to have Kris here today and watch him go through the ranks to obtain a position today such as this with such value and importance to our department, to our community, and to our City. He offered his nomination of Kristopher Alexander as Fallon Police Captain for confirmation. He inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

Councilman Richardson stated that he began his law enforcement career in 1997 and he remembers Kris starting then too. They have worked together throughout the years and Kris has always displayed professionalism, courtesy, and follow through. He felt that he was an excellent choice for Captain, given all his experience in the various divisions and fields and assignments that he has had. He knows firsthand how well he works and what a good fit he would be.

Councilman Erickson added that he has had the opportunity to observe Kris’ work over the last 12 years. He was particularly impressed with his efforts as a School Resource Officer and community policing. He asked him to share his thoughts on their importance and how those efforts can best be conducted.

Sgt. Alexander stated that you can see the importance of interactions with law enforcement – you can see it on the news every day – it is important to engage the community and treat them as equals in a sense. In a small town, they are who we rely on to help us out, solve crime; this is the benefit of a tightly knit community. As a small department, we do an excellent job in engaging citizens in our community.

Councilwoman Frost advised that she had the pleasure of working with Kris when he was the School Resource Officer and he was always professional and did a great job working with students at the high school.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to confirm the appointment of Kristopher Alexander as Fallon Police Captain; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

At this time, Mayor Tedford administered the oath of office.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

No public comments were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Attest: 
Gary C. Cordes, City Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Ken Tedford