

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
April 21, 2022**

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
Councilman James Richardson
Councilwoman Kelly Frost
Councilwoman Karla Kent
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson
City Attorney Mike Mackedon
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Deputy Public Works Director Ryan Swirczek
Captain John Frandsen
City Clerk Sean Richardson
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee
Deputy City Clerk Michael O'Neill
City Engineer Derek Zimney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Deputy City Clerk Sean Richardson advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

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.

There were no public comments.

Appointment and possible confirmation of Charlie Knittle as Judge Pro-Tem. (For Possible Action)

Mayor Tedford stated that Charlie Knittle is a third generation Nevadan whose family homesteaded in Churchill County in 1953. Born in 1984 to Charlie Sr. and Renie Knittle, he was raised on the family farm and graduated from Churchill County High School in 2003. Charlie enjoyed camping, hunting, and fishing with his family all over the state of Nevada and could also be found competing in area rodeos. After High School, Charlie worked jobs as a construction hand for A & K Earthmovers, a long line trapper, and obtained his Class A Commercial Driver's License to haul hay for area farms. In 2005, Charlie was hired by the line crew at CC Communications and has been gainfully employed there for the past sixteen years. In conjunction with his employment for CC Communication, Charlie also enjoys custom farming with his family. Charlie chooses to volunteer a substantial amount of his time to organizations that help the community. For the past fourteen years, Charlie has served on the Fallon Churchill Volunteer Fire Department and has been promoted to the rank of Captain. He also serves on the Churchill County Federal Credit Union Board of Directors and enjoys organizing their annual Blood Drive. Charlie met his love, Amber seven years ago, and they have never looked back. Together they have two beautiful children, Berlynn, age nine (9), and Carsen, age five (5). The Knittle's spend much of their days supporting the kids through sports and have followed in the strong family tradition of camping and fishing. Charlie Knittle has a deep connection to Fallon and is looking forward to working hard for its residents. Mayor Tedford called Charlie to the front and spoke of the process they went through. He said that both Charlie and Jared went through a process of committee interviews with seven or eight people and were extensive. These people consisted of internal staff and Mayor Pro Tem Frost. After that process, they met with you all, individually, saying that this process has been a long, winding one for a lot of different reasons. When that suitability was determined, they explained how this Court works. This Court is the closest to the citizens that there is, and, in our opinion, it is a lay Court. Citizens come in, sometimes even representing themselves. The Judge must be very considerate of these people, as citizens, and handle them accordingly, without always having a lawyer there to represent them. AB424 was passed in the 2021 Legislature, which changed the shape of how the Judge Pro Tem will work in the City. We were very fortunate to have Bill Lawry as a Judge Pro Tem for many years when Judge Lister was on vacation, or at out-of-town conferences. AB424 requires a 48-hour arraignment in the State of Nevada. I think that bill was really aimed at the larger counties in our State. We have never really had a problem with it in our rural area. It started out as a 72-hour time period, and went to a 24-hour arraignment, and then settled in at 48-hour arraignments. It can be a particular problem in rural counties. If you arrest someone on a Thursday night, you have to be arraigned by Saturday morning and Friday night, they have to be arraigned by Sunday morning. It becomes more of a problem if the Judge happens to be out-of-town on a weekend. The plan we came up with was to not just have one Judge Pro Tem, but to have two, adding more flexibility for Judge Lister and also to the Judge Pro Tems. Judge Lawry left us to be the acting Undersheriff, at no pay. He is a great, great Judge Pro Tem who was very wise, and grew up in the community and served in law enforcement and understands the people of our community well and administered justice in a very fair way. We have been without a Judge Pro Tem, which has put a lot of pressure on the Judge. This is something we have needed to do for a long time. AB424 explains the reason we are doing two (2) Judge Pro Tems. With that background, I would open the questioning of the Council, if they have any, for Charlie, at this time. I offer a Mayoral appointment to the Council and then it is up to the Council to confirm that appointment. They certainly have the opportunity to do so at this time.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she served on the interview committee, and we already asked Charlie a lot of tough questions during that interview process. I think both of these

appointees truly understand the great responsibility and the temperament they need as a Judge Pro Tem. I am very happy that we found two great candidates to fill these positions.

No public comments were noted.

Mayor Tedford stated that he has spent two or three sessions with Charlie. I am very comfortable that he is going to be able to serve the citizens of Fallon in a very fair and judicial way. I have known Charlie for a long time. I told him that we had an incident years ago and I liked the way he handled the incident. I prevailed on the incident, but he handled his portion in a nice way and he might be sitting here even if he had prevailed, but chances are, he wouldn't have. I like critical thought, which defined by Webster, is careful analysis and judgement and I preach that around here and, in my life, to have critical thought and he really exercised it at that juncture, and I appreciated that in a young man. I don't have anything other than to offer my appointment to the Council and ask for your confirmation.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to confirm the appointment of Charlie Knittle as Judge Pro-Tem; seconded by Councilman Richardson; motion carried with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible action to establish the compensation of Charlie Knittle as Judge Pro-Tem at Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00) per hour. (For Possible Action)

Mayor Tedford stated that based on job duties, responsibilities, experience, and skill set necessary to successfully perform the functions of the appointed position of Judge Pro-Tem, it is recommended that the Council establish the compensation for Charlie Knittle as Judge Pro-Tem at Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00) per hour.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to establish the compensation of Charlie Knittle as Judge Pro-Tem at Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00) per hour; seconded by Councilwoman Frost; motion carried with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Mayor Tedford said that we have you appointed and have you ready to be paid. Now come up here and we will give you the official oath and we will take a bunch of pictures and then we will have you sign the oath.

Mayor Tedford administered the Official Oath of Office.

Appointment and possible confirmation of Jared Dooley as Judge Pro-Tem. (For Possible Action)

Mayor Tedford called Jared to the podium. He reminded the Council of the AB424, and the background and explained that Jared went through all the same, and even had additional interviews. Jared Dooley is a lifelong resident of the City of Fallon and considers it his family. He has many ties to this community which is among his strengths. Born in 1976 to Richard and Doreen Dooley, Jared was raised with his three siblings to trust in the Lord, to find joy in the service of others, to value family above all else, and to believe that Disneyland is the answer to all of life's questions. Jared graduated from Churchill County High School in 1994 and considers himself a man who enjoys learning for learning's sake. Jared started his career with the City of Fallon in 1993 as an Intern who worked in the Clerk's Office at City Hall. During his 27 years with the City, Jared has held several jobs, including Meter Reader, Sanitation Worker, Water Operator, Wastewater Operator, and Safety Officer. Jared received a Commercial Driver's License when he started driving Garbage Trucks and he was awarded an Associates of Arts Degree from Western Nevada Community College, through the City of Fallon's secondary

education reimbursement program. Jared earned a State of Nevada Water Treatment Level 4 Operator's License and a State of Nevada Wastewater Operator Level 3 Certificate. Jared has risen to the challenges presented with each new job title and has always taken great pride in his employment with the City of Fallon. Since 2002, Jared has chosen to donate his time to the Volunteer Fire Department and has held nearly every job inside of the Fire Department. Jared started as a rookie fireman who was also tasked to stock the refrigerators at the department with refreshments, and now, twenty years later, he has risen to the rank of Chief of the Department. As a fireman, Jared has received national accreditations for Firefighter 1 and 2, Hazardous materials Awareness and Operations, FEMA Incident Command Training to the 800 level, Fire Officer 1, and Fire Instructor 1 and 2. Jared enjoys the education that the Volunteer Fire Service affords him and is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of the City of Fallon and Churchill County. Jared and his wife, Shelby, met many years ago when by chance she was having horrible issues with her swimming pool. As fate would have it, a water treatment professional was not far away, and all too willing to help this woman remedy her pool issues. Now Jared and Shelby have six children, including, Gaven, Gracy, Calvin, Benjamin, Hayden, and Hadley. Gaven works with a local Air Conditioning Contractor, Gracy is an Intelligence Analyst for the Army, Calvin works in North Washington in the logging industry, Benjamin attends Boise State University. Hayden and Hadley attend school locally and strive for softball greatness with Jared as their coach. The Dooley family enjoys spending time together and supporting each other in all their different endeavors. I have known Jared a lot longer than I have known Charlie and I vouch for their character, values, and morals and if either one of them didn't have those, they wouldn't be sitting here today. I am very proud to offer nomination as a Judge Pro-Tem to you, Council, today and to the public, Jared Dooley.

There were no further questions or comments.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to confirm Jared Dooley as Judge Pro-Tem; seconded by Councilman Richardson; motion carried on a 3-0 vote by the Council

Consideration and possible action to establish the compensation of Jared Dooley as Judge Pro-Tem at Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00) per hour. (For Possible Action)

Mayor Tedford stated that based on job duties, responsibilities, experience, and skill set necessary to successfully perform the functions of the appointed position of Judge Pro-Tem, it is recommended that the Council establish the compensation for Jared Dooley as Judge Pro-Tem at Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00) per hour.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve and establish the compensation of Jared Dooley as Judge Pro-Tem at Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00) per hour; seconded by Councilman Richardson; motion carried on a 3-0 vote by the Fallon City Council.

Mayor Tedford administered the Official Oath of Office.

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 comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.
No comments were noted.

Executive Session

Mayor Tedford tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Attest:



Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor Ken Tedford