

CITY OF ELKO
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
8:00 A.M., P.D.S.T., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
RED LION HOTEL CASINO (HUMBOLDT ROOM), 2065 IDAHO STREET
ELKO, NEVADA

CALL TO ORDER

The agenda for this meeting of the City of Elko City Council has been properly posted for this date and time in accordance with NRS requirements.

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Mayor Chris Johnson. Breakfast served.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Chris Johnson, Councilman Richard Perry, Councilwoman Mandy Simons, Councilman Robert Schmidlein

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. **ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

No public comment was received.

I. PERSONNEL

- A. Police Chief Candidate Introduction & Breakfast, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ONLY – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

Mayor Johnson introduced candidates at 8:25 a.m. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak briefly to the group.

Candidate Ben Reed stated that he's lived in the area for the last three years and is currently building a home in Lamoille, NV. Mr. Reed stated that he is a retired Police Captain from Redding, CA, which is a medium-sized City in Northern California. Mr. Reed stated that prior to retirement in 2010, he served in various positions over 31 years, most recently as the Commander of the Administrative Services Division for the Redding Police Department, a municipal department of approximately 200 FTE's.

Candidate Reed possesses a BS degree in Criminal Justice, attended the FBI Academy, and attained his Basic – Management level California POST certificates. Mr. Reed also attended POST Leadership Training.

Candidate Reed stated that he's spent a lot of time researching the position and believes the three most important aspects to a position such as Police Chief are community oriented policing, community involvement, and networking.

Candidate Reed indicated that he has been married 31 years and enjoys hunting, traveling, and hobby ranching.

Candidate Mike Kuehn stated that he grew up in Southern California, living the first ½ of his life there and the second ½ of his life in Utah. Although he started his law enforcement career with LAPD, Mr. Kuehn stated that he is currently the Assistant Superintendent for the Utah Highway Patrol.

Candidate Kuehn stated that he's been married 26 years and has 3 children. Mr. Kuehn stated that he is in his "administrative prime."

Candidate Bill Spears stated that he is familiar with the elephant in the room, i.e., the Matrix Report. Mr. Spears stated that he has 35 years of civilian law enforcement experience, excluding his military law enforcement experience with the Marine Corps.

Candidate Spears spoke about his experience with the University of California Police Department, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department, the Santa Maria Police Department, and finally the Willows Police Department. Mr. Spears stated that he retired as Police Chief of Willows in 2012. While at Willows, Mr. Spears stated that he enhanced his administrative skills, developed budgets, and turned around the struggling agency.

Candidate Powell stated that he's been in law enforcement since 1983, starting off as a frontline officer in Florida. Mr. Powell stated that he's been a Sheriff's Deputy, worked for the Federal Government, and served as a Police Chief in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Alabama. Mr. Powell stated he was asked to serve as the Chief Administrator for the Florida Alcohol and Tobacco Department by the Governor.

Candidate Powell stated that he has three children.

This portion of the meeting was concluded at 8:50 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Mayor Chris Johnson

Shanell Owen, City Clerk