

New Fire Chief Vote 8/21/2025

It's from six o'clock. We're going to start this right on time and get it out because Brian is not available. Six o'clock, welcome to city council meeting.

The only item on the agenda is for the council to vote on. Come on in. You here for the quick council meeting? No, I thought it was planning and zoning.

Planning and zoning is at seven. You're early. Come for a few minutes.

If you want, you can listen. We're appointed a new city councilman. There we go.

That was the rule. Whoever walks through the door. Whoever.

You won the lottery. Before you got here, that's what we said. That's all right.

I'll make it as fast as you want. If you guys want it to be long, I'll make it fast. To his fire department, which he did in June.

He set a date, which is September 3rd. He has set a time. He's put together from Cache County.

Basically, they helped me put that together. Again, understanding Cache County's fire department is a lot bigger, more organized than ours. Ours is still considered a volunteer fire department.

However, there are still very strict rules that they have to go by. Qualifications and certifications that they have to get. It's obvious that we need our leadership to be able to have those.

We posted qualifications, made a posting for the job. We got six to apply. Six very qualified candidates with various qualifications.

With the City Council's approval, I organized a hiring committee, which consisted of myself, Council Member Bob Jebson, City Clerk Holly Gordon. We went through all of the resumes and did feel that they were all qualified for interviews. We went through the interview process last Thursday.

Very thorough process. Scored as the state expects us to do. By doing that, a unanimous choice of Barry Locke came out of that.

We feel very confident that he was the best candidate. We feel very fortunate that he has accepted that. I felt it was important that we have the City Council.

Any questions that they might have concerning the process or any feelings that we do have concerning the new chief and the transfer of power. Here to answer those questions and then ask the City Council for a vote of approval for Barry Locke as the new Fire Chief. Effective September 3rd at 7 o'clock.

Council? There's no questions or discussion? If not, I'll entertain a motion. (Council Member Bob Jepsen) Motion to approve Barry Locke as Men's City Fire Chief. (Council Member Ian Nemelka) Second.

Discussion, Council? All in favor? Aye. Any opposed? Brian Myers is absent, so it's 4-4 to the approval. So I will pass that along to our chief-to-be.

I've had good conversation with Chief Locke. We've met for about an hour. He's in the process of continuous meetings with Chief Olson and transferring information.

And we'll go through it. I would ask the City Council to please be there and support that evening on September 3rd at 7 o'clock. Please.

John, please. I'll be there. Those that are, please dress appropriately.

I'm sure they're going to be in full uniform. I will be in suit and tie. So just be aware of that.

All right. Anything further on that? That is the only item on the agenda. (Council Member Jon Hardman) I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

We'll have a motion. Second? (Council Member Ian Nemelka) I'll second. All in favor? Aye.

Thank you very much for this matter. Sorry we didn't have the information last week at our regular Council meeting.