

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES of April 30, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Tammy Stempel, Councilor Ripley, Councilor Tracy, Councilor Todd, Councilor Mersereau

ABSENT:

Councilor Neace, Councilor Reisner

STAFF:

Jacque Betz, City Administrator; Haley Kratz, Office Assistant

APPOINTMENT OF NEW FIRE CHIEF:

Ms. Betz introduced Richard "Rick" Huffman. Ms. Betz went over the staff report. The City did an extensive interview process in February on four candidates for the Fire Chief position. An executive session was held on March 25th with the top two candidates and the preferred candidate was Richard Huffman. A formal background investigation was conducted by Steve Swenson and it resulted with his recommendation without reservation that Mr. Huffman continue in the hiring process. There was also a full psychological examination done and the doctor also recommended Mr. Huffman without any reservation. The next element in the process was a criminal and credit history check, which was performed by LGPI – there were no issues there. Mr. Huffman also completed an NFPA medical examination, which he passed. Staff is now asking the Council to appoint Mr. Huffman to serve as the new Gladstone Fire Chief.

Councilor Tracy made a motion to appoint Rick Huffman as the new Fire Chief. Motion was seconded by Councilor Todd. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Betz said that the swearing in ceremonies for the Fire Chief and Police Chief will be on May 14th. There will be a change of command ceremony on May 20th.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Approved by the Mayor this 14th day of MAY, 2019.



Tamara Stempel, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami Bannick, City Recorder