



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Council Session

Item I-2

**#2016-149 - Consideration of Appointment of Robert Falldorf as
Police Chief**

Staff Contact: Mayor Jeremy Jensen

Council Agenda Memo

From: Mayor Jeremy Jensen
Meeting: June 14, 2016
Subject: Appointment of Robert Falldorf as Police Chief
Presenter(s): Mayor Jeremy Jensen

Background

The provisions of the Nebraska Civil Service Act, §19-1805 to §19-1847, applies to all present full time police officers of the City of Grand Island and future appointees to such position including Police Chief. The Civil Service Act and Grand Island City Code §12-2 provides that the Mayor, with the approval of City Council, is the appointing authority for purposes of selecting, appointing, or employing any person to hold a position or employment under the Civil Service Act.

A vacancy in the office of Police Chief will exist due to the announced retirement of the current Police Chief. The Mayor obtained from the City's Civil Service Commission a list of candidates for the office of Police Chief and, with respect to such candidates, considered all relevant factors in the selection of a successor Police Chief as provided by Nebraska Revised Statute §19-1829. From the list of candidates provided by The Civil Service Commission, the Mayor selected Robert Falldorf for appointment to the office of Police Chief subject to approval of the City Council.

Discussion

I am pleased to present Robert Falldorf as my choice for appointment to the Police Chief position.

Falldorf has spent his entire law enforcement career in Grand Island where he served as a police officer from 1986 to 1993 for the city of Grand Island Police Department. As a police officer Falldorf responded to and investigated calls for police service and represented the department in many programs and functions.

Falldorf was then promoted to a police sergeant and held that position until 2003. As a police sergeant, Falldorf demonstrated direct supervisory experience in both the uniform patrol and the investigative function of the police department and provided technical and administrative direction to police officers while assisting in their professional growth and development.

Since 2003 Falldorf has served as a police captain for the Grand Island Police Department. Current duties include management responsibility for crime prevention, code enforcement, training, records management, budgeting, and victim services. Falldorf also has management experience in the uniform patrol function of Grand Island's municipal police department.

Falldorf earned a bachelor's degree from Kearney State College in criminal justice and has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Nebraska Omaha. He is also a Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy graduate.

Falldorf will have a starting salary of \$114,247.14 annually and is prepared to start work on June 20, 2016.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

I recommend the approval of Robert Falldorf as the Police Chief.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Robert Falldorf as the Police Chief.

RESOLUTION 2016-149

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Nebraska Civil Service Act, §§ 19-1805 to 19-1847, applies to all present full time police officers of the City of Grand Island and future appointees to such position including Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Act and Grand Island City Code § 12-2 provides that the Mayor, with the approval of City Council, is the appointing authority for purposes of selecting, appointing, or employing any person to hold a position or employment under the Civil Service Act; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the office of Police Chief will exist due to the announced retirement of the current Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor obtained from the City's Civil Service Commission a list of candidates for the office of Police Chief and, with respect to such candidates, considered all relevant factors in the selection of a successor Police Chief as provided by Nebraska Revised Statute § 19-1829; and

WHEREAS, from the list of candidates provided by The Civil Service Commission, the Mayor selected Robert Falldorf for appointment to the office of Police Chief subject to approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Robert Falldorf has accepted the offer and is prepared to start work on June 20, 2016 at Step 11 of the Police Chief salary table of \$114,247.14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Robert Falldorf is hereby duly appointed the Police Chief for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, for such tenure as provided by law.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 14, 2016.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
June 10, 2016	☒ City Attorney