

A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE
COEUR D'ALENE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY HALL
FORMER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON JULY 22, 2014 AT 12:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in continued session held at City Hall in the former Council Chambers on July 22, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. there being present upon roll call a quorum of the Council.

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Kiki Miller) Members of City Council Present
Steve Adams)
Dan Gookin)
Woody McEvers)
Ron Edinger)

Amy Evan) Members of the City Council Absent

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Troy Tymesen, Interim City Administrator; Renata McLeod, City Clerk; Melissa Tosi, Human Resource Director; Keith Erickson, Communication Coordinator; Wes Somerton, Deputy City Attorney; and Police Officers Nick Lowery, Brady Reed, and John Kelly.

Mayor Widmyer stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity to the City Council to meet the candidates for Police Chief and for them to be able to ask job-related questions of each candidate. Human Resource Director Melissa Tosi stated that she has provided each Councilmember a feedback form to provide input and reminded the City Council to ask job-specific questions. Mayor Widmyer introduced Police Chief Candidate Gary Jensen.

DISCUSSION: Councilmembers asked Mr. Jensen questions pertaining to dog issues, length of law enforcement service, policy manuals, community-oriented policing, volunteer programs, EPA regulations/enforcement, fair treatment of community members, and police interface with tourists.

Mr. Jensen stated that animal rights are a nationwide issue. He expressed how large the City of Coeur d'Alene is due to the business community and nighttime traffic and agrees that there should be more patrol persons on the street. He stated that he believes in fair and equal treatment and that he presents a calm approach to policing. He said that the City is beautiful and appears to be a wonderful place to live and he would welcome the opportunity to serve the community before he ends his career. One of the accomplishments he is proud of from his service at the City of Logan was the certification of the reserve officer program wherein he has them now working as part-time certified officers.

RECESS: The Mayor called for a 5 minute recess at 1:04 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:09 p.m.

Mayor Widmyer introduced Police Chief Candidate Lee White.

DISCUSSION: Councilmembers asked candidate Lee White questions pertaining to length of law enforcement service, desire to relocate, Lexipol policies, neighborhood zones, civilian staffing, fair treatment of community members/tourists, EPA regulations/enforcement, volunteer programs, and police interface with the community.

Mr. White stated that he has family in the area and loves the community. He has been waiting for this opportunity to open up for approximately 2 years, and believes he can bring lessons learned from his current position to benefit Coeur d'Alene. He said that he believes in fair and equal treatment of citizens. He would like to talk with community and business members through the use of public forums for strategic planning and to develop relationships and bonds. He would also like to set up a Community Action Team, consisting of four officers and a supervisor to build relationships with the community, deal with crime prevention, and handle special issues.

RECESS: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Adams to recess to July 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the old Council Chambers located at 710 E. Mullan Avenue for a workshop regarding the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renata McLeod, City Clerk