

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Ave  
Fallon, Nevada  
November 30, 2022**

The Honorable City Council met in a special meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

**Present:**

Mayor Ken Tedford  
Councilman James Richardson  
Councilwoman Kelly Frost  
Councilwoman Karla Kent  
City Attorney Mike Mackedon  
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson  
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga  
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe  
Deputy Public Works Director Ryan Swirczek  
City Clerk-Treasurer Sean Richardson  
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee  
Chief Kris Alexander  
Captain John Frandsen  
City Engineer Derek Zimney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

No comments were noted.

**Appointment and possible confirmation of John Riley as Police Captain.**

Mayor Tedford stated that John is present with us today and asked him to approach the table facing the Council. It is my honor and privilege today, to offer to the Council for appointment as Police Captain, John Riley. I am going to read a little bit of background on John. Sergeant John Riley was born on November 17, 1971, in Long Beach, California to Pat and Marita Hanifen. He has two younger sisters, Kate Martin, and Stephanie Hargett. John started his career with the City of Fallon Police Department in 2003 where he worked as a Dispatcher. So, John has had the ability to work himself through our Police Department. Upon completion of his training at the POST Academy, he worked as a Churchill County High School's School Resource Officer before becoming the City of Fallon's Domestic Violence Investigator in 2006. One of John's most notable contributions in that role was collaborating with a special committee of other law enforcement officers and educators who co-wrote and developed a field guide titled 'Investigating Domestic Violence Crimes in Nevada'. The guide was specifically formatted to be portable and easy to use in the field. It continues to have an impact throughout our state by educating law enforcement officers on how to best respond to domestic violence calls. John returned to the Patrol division in 2012, and by May of 2015 he was promoted to Sergeant. He supervised the Fallon PD Explorer Program, maintained patrol vehicles, and acted as a mentor to other officers. He received the Life Saving Medal of Honor twice for his service to the Fallon community. He also served on the Nevada Attorney General's Special Task Force for Domestic Violence. In June 2018, John was assigned as the Administrative Sergeant where he supervises the communications department, manages department vehicles and technology, assists with CALEA compliance, approves patrol call cards, and assists with general recommendations for the patrol division. In addition to his work in the field, John has also served his community as an educator. He taught a course called 'Teen Dating Violence' for several years at both the middle school and high school. He also taught a couple courses at the POST Academy: 'Patrol Response to Domestic Violence' and 'Patrol Procedures and the Rights of Victims'. John is married to Beth, a paramedic, and the founder of the Annual First Responder Food drive, one of the largest food drives in Northern Nevada. They have five children, Jorden (25), Karmyn (23), Steven (19), Jaxon (6), and Jaycen (4). John is joined today by his father, Pat Hanifen, his mother, Marita Hanifen, his sisters Kate Martin and Stephanie Hargett, his mother-in-law Anne Messina, and other friends and family members. So, with that short biography of John's life, after all he was born in 1971, so, it is much more complete than that. I offer him to you answer any questions that the Council, first, might have. I know that you all have sat with John and asked him questions prior to this.

Councilwoman Kent stated that she doesn't have any questions. I sat with John, and I know that he is very qualified for this position. He is very passionate for our City and I know that he will do a good job.

Mayor Tedford thanked Councilwoman Kent.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she would like to echo the same comments as Councilwoman Kent. John has a very impressive resume and has done many different things in our Police Department. I think he is going to do a great job and think it is an excellent appointment. Thank you.

Councilman Richardson stated that he has worked alongside John during his career. I am retired, and we are almost the same age. He has young kids so, he will serve us for a longer period of time, which is nice because it is so important to have administrative staff and your leadership be consistent. Where I came from, the Chiefs and Captains were always in a rotating spot. John is in a good position to serve our community. I know he loves Fallon, loves his community, and this will be great for the sustained leadership.

Mayor Tedford stated that he has spent a great deal of time with John. I have watched your entire career since the day I originally swore you in as an Officer. Are there any questions or comments from the public?

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to approve the appointment and confirmation of John Riley as Police Captain; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Mayor Tedford stated that we will go to item 5 before the Official Oath is administered.

**Consideration and possible action to establish the salary of John Riley as Police Captain at One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$112,000.00) per year.**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any questions or comments regarding this agenda item.

No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to establish the salary of John Riley as Police Captain at One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$112,000.00) per year; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Mayor Tedford administered the Official Oath to John Riley.

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No comments were noted.

**Council and Staff Reports**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

No reports were noted.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Tedford tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

*Ken Tedford*

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Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest: *SR*  
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Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer