

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Avenue  
Fallon, Nevada  
July 24, 2008**

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

**Present:**

Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.  
City Councilman, Willis Swan  
City Councilman, Robert Erickson  
City Councilman, John Tewell  
City Engineer, Larry White  
Police Chief, Kevin Gehman  
City Clerk, Gary Cordes  
City Attorney, Mike Mackedon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:09 a.m.

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

City Clerk Cordes advised the agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Tedford closed the meeting to discuss Officer Dan Orozco's appeal of the Mayor's decision to uphold his demotion from Sergeant to Officer pursuant to NRS 288 at 9:10 a.m.

Mayor Tedford returned the meeting to an open session at 9:11 a.m.

**Selection of a member of an appeal panel to hear the appeal by Officer Dan Orozco of the Mayor's June 25, 2008 decision to uphold disciplinary action imposed by the Acting Chief of Police**

Mayor Tedford advised that the Fallon Peace Officer's Association (FPOA) contract allows for an appeal panel as the next step in the appeal process unless it is waived to go directly to the Council. The City must select a member for the panel and Dan Orozco must select a member; together, those two panel members will select the third member. Either side may appeal the panel's decision to the Council. Mayor Tedford offered his nomination of Ray Dolan to serve as the City's panel member. At this time, the Mayor and Council are unaware of Officer Orozco's selection; he has 10 days from this date to make a selection.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any questions or comments.

Councilman Tewell inquired if Ray Dolan was involved with the Police Department at the time of this action with Officer Orozco.

Mayor Tedford noted that Ray Dolan had been retired for a time before this action took place. He wanted it clear for the record that Ray Dolan was not employed as a member of the Police Department, Assistant Chief of Police or otherwise, since these instances with Officer Orozco occurred.

Councilman Erickson confirmed that Ray Dolan has agreed to serve on the panel.

Mayor Tedford replied affirmatively.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Swan motioned to confirm the selection of Ray Dolan as the City's member of an appeal panel to hear the appeal by Officer Dan Orozco of the Mayor's June 25, 2008 decision to uphold disciplinary action imposed by the Acting Chief of Police; seconded by Councilman Erickson and unanimously approved.

**Authorize the Mayor to select a member of an appeal panel to hear the appeal by Officer Dan Orozco of the Mayor's June 25, 2008 decision to uphold disciplinary action imposed by the Acting Chief of Police**

Mayor Tedford explained that Ray Dolan and Officer Orozco's panel member selection will select the third panel member. The Mayor has the authority to act for the City and Ray Dolan will be in consultation with us. This action will clarify that we are not acting outside of notification requirements.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Tewell motioned to authorize the Mayor to select a member of an appeal panel to hear the appeal by Officer Dan Orozco of the Mayor's June 25, 2008 decision to uphold disciplinary action imposed by the Acting Chief of Police; seconded by Councilman Erickson and unanimously approved.

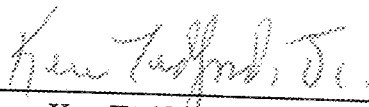
#### **Public Comments**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.


No comments were noted.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

  
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Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.

Attest:

  
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Gary C. Cordes  
City Clerk Treasurer