

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007, 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: City Council: Bruce Agrella, Mark MacDonald, Tom Jones, Mike Lies, Tom Corse, Fred Funke. Mayor Jules Clavadetscher presiding. City Attorney James Raymond present. Others Present: Ross Hoyt, Rory Horning, Karen Sargeant, Tony Porrazzo, Ken Avison, Linda Sappington, John Fairchild, Barbara Fairchild, John Stenvens

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Pledge of allegiance and meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m.

Hiring decision for Fire Chief position: Mayor Clavadetscher began with asking city employee John Fairchild, a candidate for the position, if he waived the right to privacy. **John Fairchild** replied yes. **Mayor Clavadetscher** read from a note in regards to conversations he had at the request of Tom Corse. Mayor Clavadetscher explained they conducted the interviews with an Interview board that consisted of Fred Nelson (representing the Rural Fire Board), Councilman Tom Corse and Councilman Tom Jones. Mayor Clavadetscher mentioned there were questions in regards to salary which he addressed with two candidates; the first being Glenn Davis who received the most votes from this board and John Fairchild. He spoke of the application package Mr. Davis had sent in which stated, "If appointed ...will discuss applicable salary". Mayor Clavadetscher continued that he had spoken with Mr. Davis on the phone and told him that the salary could not be decided upon that way; the salary must be discussed so that the options are known before a preference is chosen. **Tom Jones motioned to hire John Fairchild as Polson Fire Chief starting salary \$36,192 with a 6 month probationary period after which his salary would be raised to \$38,272, \$18.40/hr. Bruce Agrella seconded the motion. Tom Corse** opined that there were many well qualified and experienced candidates and explained how difficult the decision process had been and that all the applications were appreciated. He expressed his support for John Fairchild and his 20 years of experience in Polson. He predicted that if the motion passes Polson will have an excellent Fire Chief. **Mayor Clavadetscher** thanked the Interview Board for spending their private time to talk to interviewees. **Ken Avison** offered his gratitude to the Council members for their work and responsibility in choosing a Fire Chief. Mr. Avison mentioned he appreciated the motion and the second and explained he was very much in favor of John Fairchild. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Jules Clavadetscher, Mayor

**ATTEST: _____
Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk**