

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING
of the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
of the CITY of BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
held FEBRUARY 19, 2016**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky met in special session in the Commission Chamber of City Hall, Bowling Green, Kentucky at 2:00 p.m. on February 19, 2016. Mayor Bruce Wilkerson called the meeting to order. Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Katie Schaller-Ward called the roll, and the following members were present: Commissioner Sue Parrigin, Commissioner Rick Williams, Commissioner Joe W. Denning, Commissioner Melinda M. Hill and Mayor Bruce Wilkerson. Absent: none. There was a full quorum of the Board of Commissioners.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kevin D. DeFebbo thanked Interim Fire Chief Brian O'Callaghan for heading up the Fire Department over the past several months, which allowed time for a thoughtful selection process to be undertaken for the appointment of a new Fire Chief for the City of Bowling Green. He outlined the components of the selection process and indicated it was a difficult choice to make among the two internal candidates. Mr. DeFebbo stated that his recommendation was to promote Assistant Fire Chief Jason L. Colson to the position of Fire Chief to be effective February 20, 2016.

Following a review of Mr. Colson's qualifications and history with the Fire Department, a motion was made by Hill and seconded by Williams to add Municipal Order No. 2016 - 31 to the agenda for consideration. With no discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Parrigin, Williams, Denning, Hill and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

Motion to add Municipal Order No. 2016 - 31 to the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2016 - 31

**MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF JASON
L. COLSON TO THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF IN THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Summary of Municipal Order No. 2016 -31 was read by the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Denning for consideration of said Municipal Order. Commissioner Denning stated this was an excellent choice. Commissioner Williams thanked the City Manager and Human Resources Director for working through the selection process, which he felt was a good process. Mayor Wilkerson commented about the future of the Fire Department and also expressed his appreciation for the work done by the City Manager, Human Resources Director, and especially Interim Fire Chief Brian O'Callaghan. Once the discussion ended, a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Parrigin, Williams, Denning, Hill and Wilkerson
 Voting Nay: None

Municipal Order No. 2016 - 31 was approved by unanimous vote.

Interim Fire Chief Brian O'Callaghan pinned Mr. Colson with the official rank of Fire Chief. Incoming Fire Chief Colson made a few remarks thanking everyone for their support and confidence in his abilities. After introducing his family who were in attendance, he also expressed his enthusiasm for taking on the new role and continuing the efforts of past Fire Chiefs.

ADJOURNMENT

This being a special meeting and with no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, at approximately 2:10 p.m., Mayor Wilkerson declared this meeting adjourned.

ADOPTED: March 1, 2016

APPROVED: Brian Wilkerson
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Katie Schaller-Ward
City Clerk

Minutes prepared by Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Katie Schaller-Ward