



The Flash of Talent.

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An update from city administration, planning, public works, police and fire departments.

Certificates of Appreciation

were awarded to

Volunteer Firefighter Medics

John Hutter - 2 years service

Bill Evans - 2 years service

Volunteer Firefighter EMTs

Dave Hauck - 7 years service

Pat Reichstein - 11 years service

Volunteer Firefighter EMT

and Fire Marshal

Ralph Henderson - 11 years service

July 15, 1998

The hours of time these people spent at fires, automobile accidents and medical emergencies added to the hours spent in training and equipment cleaning and maintenance represents hundreds of thousand of dollars to the city. Those staggering numbers cannot describe the value of people who risk everything to save lives and property in and around the City of Talent without expecting anything in return. All of these people have chosen to resign from the fire department. The loss of their caring and efforts for the city cannot be calculated.

Harvest Festival Update:

Sept. 12 is almost here!

Police Reserve Officer Bev Powers says response from volunteers and applicants has been good, but there's still room for vendors, artists and parade participants. She can use a few more workers to keep things running smoothly.

Application deadline is Friday, August 7. Bev's message line for the Harvest Festival is 774-2405. Call if you have questions, and she'll get back to you with answers.

Look for the coloring contest picture in the next

FLASH

(Monday, August 17).

Every entry wins a prize!

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August 20th is deadline to file for City Council and Mayor positions.

**Fourth position will appear
on November ballot.**

The extra position opened up because one councilor has filed to run for Mayor.

The new charter requires elected officials whose terms do not expire at the next general election resign when seeking a different office within the city. That and the change to the length of appointed terms will keep the number of appointed members of the City Council lower than in the past years.

Qualifications for candidacy are also changed in the new charter. The length of residency requirement was removed so now it's open to all voters within the city who are not employed by the city.

To file for the election, simply go to City Hall and pick up a petition form from City Administrator Leahnette York. Get 20 registered voters who live within city limits to sign it and return it to City Hall before August 20.

Leahnette and County Clerk Kathy Beckett can tell you anything else candidates

need to know about election law and the voter's pamphlet.

All of the positions must be filled. If not elected they will be appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

**At this time three of the
four positions are without
candidates.**

If you like the idea of serving a term on the City Council but don't have any previous experience as a policy maker, don't despair. The City Council recently implemented a new

Mentoring System

to help newly elected and appointed officials.

Mentors are current and former commissioners, committee members and councilors. They are willing to help new volunteers who aren't familiar with governmental systems.

There are local and upstate training sessions for elected and appointed officials, and the City Administrator works diligently to keep all city volunteers supplied with information needed to accomplish goals and make the best possible policy decisions.

**Freedom without
obligation is
anarchy.**

Council Agenda:

Wednesday, Aug. 5

- ☞ Public hearing on fees for Liquor license applicants
- ☞ Appointment of Colin Mills-Cannon to Emergency Preparedness Committee
- ☞ Citizens Heard
- ☞ Cross connection ordinance
- ☞ Health Insurance rates for City Councilors
- ☞ Possible grant applications
- ☞ Review of computer upgrade proposals

Brainstorm Before the Rain Storm

La Niña's coming and it's suppose to be even worse than El Niño. Be prepared! Attend a solutions creating session at City Hall **Thursday, August 13 at 7PM.**

Your experiences from the flood of 1997 could prevent future loss of life or property.

Call City Hall for a copy of the **Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning** memo before the meeting. It tells how the city is planning for future floods.