

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Ave  
Fallon, Nevada  
July 16, 2025**

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

**Present:**

Mayor Ken Tedford  
Councilwoman Kelly Frost  
Councilwoman Karla Kent  
Councilman Paul Harmon  
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson  
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe  
City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill  
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee  
Deputy Public Works Adrian Noriega  
Deputy Public Works Marco Guerrero  
Deputy Public Works Erik Fain  
Chief Ron Wenger  
Captain Daniel Babiarz  
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.

City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill 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.

**Consideration and possible confirmation of Daniel Babiarz as Chief of Police.**

Mayor Tedford stated that it is his decision to ask for confirmation for Daniel Babiarz as the next Chief of Police. I am going to read a little biography about Daniel. Daniel Babiarz

was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Thomas and Laura Babiarz. He moved to Fallon in 1997 to be closer to family who had relocated to Northern Nevada. In 2004, at just 14 years old, Daniel joined the Fallon Police Department Explorer Program, which sparked his passion for a career in law enforcement. Through the program, he was introduced to the daily operations of the department, the dedication of its staff, and the meaningful mission of serving and protecting the community. From that point on, he knew he wanted to dedicate himself to public service and set his sights on becoming a Police Officer with the Fallon Police Department. Daniel began his career with the department as a non-sworn employee, waiting for the opportunity to attend the Nevada POST Academy. In 2009, his dream became a reality when, at age 20, he entered the academy. Shortly after his 21st birthday — and just before graduating — he was formally sworn in as a Police Officer. Daniel graduated from the academy, earning both the Top Academic and Top Overall awards in his class. Since then, Daniel has proudly served the Fallon Police Department in various roles and assignments. He has been a sergeant since 2016 and most recently served as the department's Operations Captain. Daniel is married to his wife, Taviana, and together they have two children, Kinsley and James. As a family, they enjoy camping, spending time together, and staying active in youth sports and events. I have no further questions for Daniel and at this time I am opening it up for the Council to ask questions they may have for him.

Councilman Harmon stated that he had the opportunity to sit down with Daniel and I fully support the Mayor's decision. I look forward to Daniel being our next Chief of Police.

Councilwoman Kent stated she has no questions. I enjoyed our conversation and learning more about you. I think you will be a great Chief of Police.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she would like to echo all the comments regarding Daniel. I am very impressed with your record of service, and I believe that you will do a great job as our new Chief of Police.

Mayor Tedford inquired whether there were any further comments from the Council or the public.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to confirm Daniel Babiarz as Chief of Police; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Mayor Tedford administered the Official Oath of Office.

### **Consideration and possible action to establish the salary of Daniel Babiarz as Chief of Police at One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$133,289.00).**

Mayor Tedford inquired whether there were any comments from the Council or the public.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Harmon motioned to approve establish the salary of Daniel Babiarz as Chief of Police at One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$133,289.00); seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Councilwoman Kent inquired about Daniel's time as a Junior Trooper. When you were 14-years old did you visualize this day or think this would happen.

Chief of Police Daniel Babiarz didn't know much at the age of 14 but knew he wanted to be a police officer.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further public comments.

No further comments were noted.

### **Council and Staff Reports**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council and Staff reports.

No reports were noted.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

*Ken Tedford*

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Mayor Tedford

Attest:

*Michael O'Neill*

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Michael O'Neill, City Clerk-Treasurer