

**Statement from the Red Lodge City Council  
Appointment of the Mayor, July 12, 2016**

The following is the process to be used during the July 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for the appointment of a person to fill the remainder of the term of the mayor, ending December 31, 2017.

Three qualified candidates, according to Montana Code, have submitted a letter of interest. These are Diane Dimich, Bill Larson and Mike Schoenike. These submittals, including letters of support can be found at:

<http://cityofredlodge.net/city-government/mayor-and-city-council/council-meetings/>

The three candidates will first be requested to provide a statement as to their interest and qualifications for being appointed to fill the mayoral vacancy. They will have five minutes if they choose to speak.

Members of the public will then be invited to provide a statement or a question. Per regular procedure there will be a three-minute time limit for each person. Each candidate will then have the opportunity to answer the same question, if appropriate. Each candidate will be allowed to make a final statement if they so choose.

The Council will then close the public comment and after discussion and any questions to candidates will call for a vote to appoint a person to serve as Mayor for the remainder of the vacated term.

We anticipate a full meeting room and expect for everyone to be treated with respect. No disruptions will be tolerated.

Citizens are encouraged to address the Council on Tuesday or send us your thoughts, endorsements and anything that you wish for us to consider in filling the mayoral vacancy. Each Council member takes his/her elected position seriously and it is our responsibility to fill this vacancy upon consideration of all that is voiced.