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City of Bagley Statement about December 22, 2021 Council Meeting and Renee Benson

BAGLEY, Minn. — The substantive agenda item for the City of Bagley's City Council meeting on December 22, 2021 was Internal Affairs Data Relating to Allegations of Law Enforcement Misconduct. The council approved a motion in open session to close the meeting for this item. The council met in closed session for the item and then reconvened in open session. Once back in open session, the council approved a motion on a unanimous vote to terminate Renee Benson from her employment with the City, for the reasons stated in and as provided in the letter from Mayor Sid Michel to Benson, dated December 17, 2021.

Benson began employment with the City of Bagley as Chief of Police on September 25, 2016.

A complaint was made against Benson as defined under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The City investigated the complaint. Final disposition of the complaint is pending.

The City takes any complaints about its police officers seriously and takes any appropriate actions to resolve such concerns. Due to data privacy laws, the City cannot share any other information, at this point, related to this matter.

The City is confident that the Bagley Police Department will continue to provide public safety functions for the community safely, effectively, and efficiently.

Due to data privacy laws; primarily, Minnesota Statutes, section 13.43 (Personnel Data) providing that all data on city personnel is private (not public) unless otherwise expressly stated as public in such statute; the city cannot share any other information, at this point, related to this matter.

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