

The called meeting of the Great Falls Town Council was held on November 21, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. at the Great Falls War Memorial Building. Attending were Mayor Brantley, Council Members Craig, Dutton, Gonzalez, McManus, Worthy and Eagle. Also attending was Clerk of Court Collins and multiple concerned citizens

Mayor Brantley opened the meeting with Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Brantley made a motion to rescind the prior motion that appointed Kim Benenhaley as Police Chief. Council Member Craig seconded the motion. Mayor Brantley said the motion to hire was thrown on the table with no discussions or interviews held. They had 8-9 applicates with multiple applicates having over 20 years of experience, with one being in-house. The agenda item made by Council Member McManus made no mention of hiring. He thinks they should do their due diligence on hiring a Police Chief, especially considering the past problems. Council Member Craig said she was very disappointed in the decision. She had reached out to Council Member McManus asking about the agenda item and he told her he was wanting to speed up the process of interviewing. He made no mention of his intention to make a motion to hire. She is embarrassed by the actions and said the council needs to come together to do what is best for the community. The motion failed to pass with Mayor Brantley, Council Members Craig and Worthy voting yes, and Council Members McManus, Gonzalez, Dutton and Eagle voting no.

There being no further business, Mayor Brantley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Craig seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Tonja Collins and Jessica Eubanks