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CALDWELL –The Caldwell City Council, in a 4-2 vote last Wednesday night, voted against the name of Jason Kuzik to be the City of Caldwell’s next Police Chief. Mr. Kuzik’s name was one of three finalists presented to the Mayor by an Interview Committee for his final selection. According to Caldwell City Code, the Police Chief is an appointed position that requires an affirmative vote from the majority of the full council. After the meeting Mayor Wagoner commented, “I believe that Mr. Kuzik would have been an excellent Chief to lead our department into the future and I wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors”.

Idaho Code indicates that if a City Council refuses to confirm an appointment made by the Mayor and a new name is not submitted within 10 days then the City Council shall appoint a suitable person to fill that office during the remainder of its term. Mayor Wagoner continued, “While I am disappointed in the results of the Special City Council meeting, I had 3 outstanding finalists to choose from. The majority of the City Council members have indicated their preference for one of those 3 finalists. In the near future the Council will have the opportunity to present their choice at a City Council meeting and vote on who should be our next Police Chief. As Mayor I will continue to work together with the City Council to ensure a seamless transition for our Police Department and that we are continuing to do what is best for our citizens and our community.”

While there were remarks made at the Special City Council meeting in regards to the ongoing FBI investigation, along with a comment stating that there is a systemic problem within Caldwell’s current police department, Mayor Wagoner strongly supports the many brave men and women that protect Caldwell and commented, “We have an incredible team and many amazing officers and employees that work for the Caldwell Police Department. It is a disservice to them to state that there is a systemic problem within our police department. Do we have things we need to fix and do better at? Most definitely. However, to categorize those issues as a systemic problem within our department is a disservice to the many brave men and women that currently work for Caldwell PD that serve with

honor, integrity, and that are doing things the right way. Those officers and employees have my full confidence and trust.”