

The Bandera PROPHEET

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From the Mayor's Office

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Mayor, City of Bandera

Last week, the City Council of the City of Bandera made the very difficult decision to part ways with our longtime City Marshal, Will Dietrich. Marshal Dietrich honorably served the citizens of Bandera for nearly a decade, and we sincerely thank him for his service.

This aspect of the role of the governing body is often made even more difficult when the personnel in question is so truly cared for. City Staff, Administration Mayor and Council work closely together for the community so it is natural that friendships develop, especially with someone like Will because of his personable character and long standing service to the residents of Bandera city and county. As difficult as it is, friendships and personal feelings can not supersede the statutory obligation of the governing body.

Over the last few years, the City has undertaken department level performance audits to identify areas of our organization that are in need of improvement to better serve the citizens. The City Council has received the final performance audit of the City Marshal's Office. To date, this process has resulted in significant changes in city policies, procedures, and in some instances, personnel. Changes present any organization with opportunities. It is the responsibility of the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator to make certain those opportunities result in positive growth and organizational improvement for the City. We wish Marshal Dietrich success in his future endeavors, and we appreciate and respect the support given to him from the community. It is our hope that the Marshal's Office and future City Marshal will continue to earn and deserve that same level of support from Bandera.