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Woodland Police Chief Search Continues

Woodland, WA - The selection of a new police chief to replace retiring Chief Rob Stephenson will continue. Mayor Grover Laseke announced on Tuesday that he was not able to make an appointment from the candidates who went through the interview process this past Friday. Laseke said that "the City Council lacked confidence in the selection process so we will return to the drawing board".

The City Council will be meeting on March 10th to design a new hiring process. "While it is unfortunate that it will take longer than expected it is important we find the best police chief possible. Hopefully we can have a new chief appointed by the end of May" Laseke said.

The recently completed process, that culminated on January 31st, was started in September, 2013. It involved an extensive vetting process that whittled 21 nationwide candidates down to four that were interviewed and scored by community leaders, citizens, business owners, city council members, and law enforcement professionals.

This press release was written by Mayor Grover Laseke. For any questions he can be contacted at 360-225-8281 or by email at lasekeg@ci.woodland.wa.us.