



City of Raytown

Transition plan for the retirement of Raytown Police Chief

JANUARY 22, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On January 15, 2019 Chief Jim Lynch announced his retirement as the City of Raytown's City Marshal (Chief of Police). Starting his career as a Patrol Officer in 1975, Chief Lynch moved up through the ranks. In August 1996, Chief Lynch took employment outside of the Raytown Police Department until April 2001, when he was elected as Police Chief (City Marshal). The City would like to thank Chief Lynch for his 43 years of service with the Raytown Police Department.

On Monday, January 21, 2019, the Raytown Board of Aldermen held a special meeting to discuss Chief Lynch's retirement. At the meeting, the Board of Aldermen approved language to be placed on the April 2, 2019 ballot asking the voters if the City of Raytown shall appoint a Chief of Police instead of electing a City Marshall (Chief of Police). The City of Raytown has had an elected City Marshall (Chief of Police) since 1950.

The Board of Aldermen also instructed staff to work on an interim transition plan that would be put in place effective February 15, 2019. City staff will present the interim transition plan at the February 5, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting.