

TO: HONARABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Brice Miller, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: New Hires

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

BACKGROUND

The following firefighters have retired or will be retiring from the Fire Department. Firefighters Kyle Rapp (28yrs) Dec 2nd, Ryan Qualey (15yrs) Dec 31st and Joe Stocker (4) Sept 1st. Our interview committee conducted interviews and selected Blake Hernke, Shayna Bjorgum, and Wyatt Banaszewski to fill the openings. The department will temporarily run with a roster of 32, allowing the new hires to attend fire school together in November then back to our normal roster of 30 by years end.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

I recommend hiring the following as probationary firefighters to the Cannon Falls Fire Department with assigned badge numbers for the position of Volunteer Firefighter. Blake Hernke #4623, Shayna Bjorgum #4628, and Wyatt Banaszewski #4613.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion and approval of hiring Blake Hernke, Shayna Bjorgum and Wyatt Banaszewski.