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Abilene police chief submits resignation

ABILENE, Texas – Abilene City Manager Robert Hanna has accepted the resignation of Police Chief Stan Standridge.

“Chief Standridge informed me earlier this week of his intentions to leave employment with the City of Abilene on or before the end of 2020 in order to further pursue a relationship with a City employee who also works in the Abilene Police Department. Chief Standridge has served our community honorably throughout his 25-year career. He is widely known as a man of integrity, and his decision to resign only further illustrates his commitment and integrity to this community and the Abilene Police Department,” said Hanna.

Chief Standridge will remain in service to the City of Abilene as Police Chief through the end of the year, or until other employment is found to ensure the best possible transition in leadership for the department and Abilene community.

“I have no doubt Chief Standridge will continue his career in another community, and continue to serve with integrity, honor, and distinction. It’s been my honor to work with him for the past five years,” added Hanna.

During this transition period, the employee involved in a relationship with Chief Standridge will be reassigned to another department to ensure no conflict of interest, and so that this employee may continue to share their skills and talents for the betterment of our city. Independent third party resources will be utilized to meet the needs of police and fire personnel previously handled by this employee.

Mayor Anthony Williams thanks Chief Standridge for his years of service, and sends him blessings in all of his future endeavours.

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