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Prosser Introduces the Finalists for its City Administrator Position

The City of Prosser is excited to announce the three finalists for its City Administrator position. They are Anton Graff, Joseph Hannan and David Stockdale. All three are excellent, if very different candidates.

We invite you to join us Thursday, January 7th at the Walter Core Wine and Culinary Center at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for reception where you can meet each of the candidates:

- **Anton Graff.** Currently, Mr. Graff is the City Administrator for Wilmington, IL, a position which he has held since 2010. His prior experience includes serving as the City Administrator of Yorkville, IL, for four years and briefly as the City Manager of Rochelle, IL. He began his career in law enforcement rising to the level of Police Chief, a position he held in Yorkville (for nine years) and in Dixmoor, IL (five years). He has also worked as a Real Estate Broker, Management Consultant and Public Safety Security Supervisor. Mr. Graff is excited by the “opportunity to work in a vibrant, culturally focused, tourist/destination community, by its friendly people and by Prosser’s entrepreneurial spirit.” His management style is to be people-oriented and approachable. He “believes in spending time with the staff and treating them as people – not objects.” He considers his greatest achievement to be working in a collaborative manner with the U.S. Forest Service, State of Illinois, Regional Environmental groups, Forest Preserve District and local community, along with the Boy Scout Council to save a 450 acre Scout camp from being sold for development purposes. Mr. Graff has Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Social Justice and a Masters in Organizational Leadership from Lewis University in Romeoville, IL.
- **Joseph Hannan.** Most recently, Mr. Hannan served for a year and a half as the City Manager of Palmer, AK. Among his other more notable positions are serving for six years as the City Administrator of Mukilteo, WA, and for ten years

as the City Manager of Redmond, OR. He is enthusiastic about using his experience in economic development, financial management, labor relations and team building to make a difference in Prosser. The City appeals to him and his wife because of its strong family values, a high quality of life and small town volunteerism. His management style is to create a team composed of the City Council, staff and community. His principal tools are strategic planning and best practices. He practices transparency with the widespread sharing of information. Two of his biggest achievements have been (1) achieving a triple A bond rating from Standard and Poor's for Mukilteo (it is one of only 5 cities in the state with that rating) and (2) bringing 12 years of debate to fruition in the form of a 28,000 square foot Rosehill Community Center (also in Mukilteo). Mr. Hannan has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

- **David Stockdale.** Mr. Stockdale has worked for Lane County, OR, since 2007 as an Analyst and Supervising Analyst. His other experience includes working as a Bond Specialist for the State of Oregon and as a grant writer for the City of Coburg, OR. He wants to bring his skills in building community partnerships and relationships with residents to Prosser. Internally, he is excited about utilizing his skills in optimizing operations to insure Prosser is the most efficient and effective government it can be. As a manager, Mr. Stockdale encourages creativity, open communication, and collaboration. He considers his department heads to be experts of their fields and trusts them to do their jobs until proven otherwise. When he thinks about his achievements, one in particular comes to mind: in Lane County, he used a multi-level approach to improve the camping services available to the public. The effort involved implementing new technologies, improving marketing, measuring customer satisfaction and “delivering services the public really wanted, not what we thought they wanted.” The result is program revenue more than doubled from \$350,000 a year in 2010 to over \$700,000 in FY 2015. Mr. Stockdale has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Brigham Young University - Hawaii, a Graduate Certificate in Not-For-Profit Management and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oregon.

For more information please contact the City's search consultant, Colin Baenziger of Colin Baenziger & Associates at (561) 707-3537 or Mayor Randy Taylor at (509) 786-2332.

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