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City of Beaver Dam
Police and Fire Commission
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to notify you of my intentions to retire. With over 26 years full-time and just under 28 years total serving this community it is time to move on. I started this fire service journey in 1987 as a volunteer in Reeseville standing beside my father, and brother. My decision should be no surprise to the people closest to the organization. There are many reasons why I have come to this conclusion. My intent for some time has been to pursue other employment opportunities, many months before the chief announce his retirement plans. Nothing has changed, now that he has announced and I have reach retirement eligibility. Most would say timing is everything. My intent was to become fire chief. But circumstances did not present themselves before I was eligible for retirement.

I would like to thank my family for all the sacrifices they have endured over the years. The missed family time do to the career I choose. I will never get that time back. My decision to retire will give me the time to be a better husband, father, son, brother, and friend. As my son currently is serving in the Navy, I have a better understanding what impact that commitment to service has on the family you leave behind.

I would like to thank all of the people I have worked with over the years. Especially the present and past employees of the City of Beaver Dam, you will not be forgotten. It's been a great experience and rewarding career. This organization has had it victories and defeats over the years. I just feel it is time to step aside so others may grow in their careers. It is unfortunate that I did not have the opportunity to become the fire chief. I truly believe if it was met to be, it would have been. God has a different plan for me.

I anticipate my last day of work will be May 28, 2021.

Sincerely,

Matthew Christian, Deputy Fire Chief

CC: Fire Chief Alan Mannel, Mayor Rebecca Glewen, Director of Administration Zak Bloom