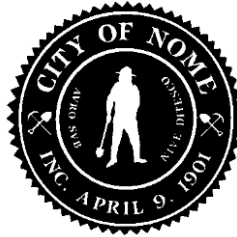


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## **PRESS RELEASE**

March 19, 2025

The City Council hired a professional recruiting firm to assist in our search for a new city manager. Over 30 applications were received by the recruiters. They thoroughly vetted the applicants, resulting in the following candidates being invited to Nome to be interviewed:

### Robert C. Evans

Mr. Evans currently serves as City Administrator, Lamar, Colorado, a position he has held since November 2021. Since 2015, Rob served as city manager in three Texas communities (Willis, Karnes City and Comanche) before relocating to Colorado. He achieved the rank of Army Lieutenant Colonel, now retired, serving in the military from 1999 to 2012.

### W. Lee Smith III

Mr. Smith served as County Manager, Chatham County, Savannah, Georgia, from May 2014 to September 2022. He served as County Manager of Wayne County, Goldsboro, NC (12/2001-2/2014) and of Washington County, Plymouth, NC (7/1993-11/2001). He was the Executive Director of the Columbus County Economic Development Commission, Whiteville, NC, (2/1991 to 6/1993) and Planner/Emergency Manager/Deputy Manager for Pamlico County, Bayboro, NC (4/1986-11/1990).

Mayor John Handeland commented, "I am pleased with the caliber of candidates the recruiters recommended to us for consideration. And, I am excited that they are excited about the possibility of joining our community. We look forward to having a permanent city manager in place, and thank both Brooks Chandler and Dan Grimmer for serving on an interim basis."

The candidates will be introduced and available to the community and staff [list out details]. The City Council is scheduled to hold a special meeting Friday, 3/ at 5:30pm to conduct final interviews.