

City of Sheridan hunts for city administrator

Help wanted - experienced city administrator, apply at Sheridan City Hall. While that may not have been exactly the way the ad was worded that is basically the way the city of Sheridan went about looking for a new city administrator to replace Bob Wells who is resigning as of February 1.

When Sheridan first began to look for a replacement for Wells, they placed an ad in the publication put out by the League of Oregon Cities. So far according to Mayor Charlie Jordan they have received about 10 applications for the job.

Originally a February 1 deadline was set for applications, but now Jordan is having second thoughts and wishes that it was sooner. According to the city ordinances the police chief can double as the city administrator and there probably would have been no problems, but since then Chief Bomberger has resigned. The city council was slated to begin looking over the applications at the city council meeting of January 22.

At that time it would be decided how many of the applications would be pursued further. From that point the people would

be contacted and interviewed. "We want to get as much as we can get for the least amount of money," Jordan said. In fact wages and qualifications will be tied hand in hand.

In order to be qualified for the job the applicant must be, according to Jordan, "a jack of all trades. He has to be able to work with men, be a public accountant and a sewer, water and street engineer."

Jordan is the first to admit though that they can't really hope to find anyone who is that qualified, but they want someone who has a background in these areas

or is a quick learner.

"It's important that we find someone very qualified because we have to meet rigid state requirements concerning the sewers."

"We are fortunate though to have a very good man working with our sewer system," Jordan said.

Duties of the city administrator include the collection of fees levied by the city, preparing the annual budgets, completing annual budgets, making annual departmental reports and reports on the activities under his direction, the hearing of complaints, seeing that city leases,

permits and licenses are observed is the administrative head and business head of city departments, must attend all city council meetings, is the purchasing agent and must supervise the public utilities.

Neither the city police or city attorney are under him, nor can he hire or release city employees.

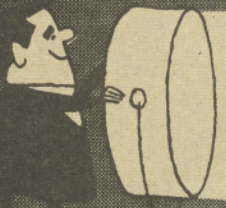
Jordan would like to have a successor for Wells picked as soon as possible but feels that he will be lucky if they have anyone by the first of March, feeling that they would be extremely fortunate to have any-

one within 30 days of choosing the new city administrator.

"I personally would like to find some guy who is tired of the big city and would like to move here and take a similar job," Jordan said.

"Before we select the new city administrator he must meet to the satisfaction of everyone concerned."

"The job is not an easy one; you can't please everyone all of the time. The man will have to have a good personality and the capability to handle complaints in a mature way," Jordan said.



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He came back to Willamina in 1969 and bought what had once been Robinson's Groceries and more recently Smitty's Stop 'N Shop. Bob's wife Charlene is also a native Willaminan. They have three children: Jim, 9 Lynne, 7 and Jeff, 5.

Still interested in Firefighting, Bob is a member of the Willamina Volunteer Fire Department. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing. "I never have any luck at it," he said, "But I go anyhow. SOMEDAY I'm bound to catch a steelhead."

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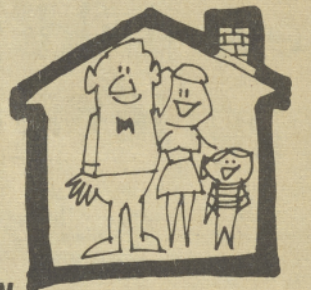
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