

City of Gallup begins search for new city manager

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The City of Gallup is on the lookout for a new city manager.

During a closed session right before the Feb. 13 city council meeting, the council discussed how they should begin looking for a new city manager.

Former Gallup City Manager Maryann Ustick retired in June. Ever since then, her Assistant City Manager J.M. DeYoung has overseen the position as Interim City Manager.

Over six months later, the city is now trying to find someone from the Four Corners region to fill the permanent position. Councilor Sarah Piano, Dist. 3, explained why they weren't planning on opening a nationwide search.

"We felt that it was best to advertise in the Four Corners region instead of opening [the search] up nationwide because we want applicants who are familiar with the culture and demographics of our area," she said.

The council hopes to have the position filled within 90 days. They even posed the idea of hiring an outside firm to help locate qualified candidates.

Mayor Louis Bonaguidi noted that DeYoung could apply for the role if he wanted to, and Councilor Ron Molina, Dist. 4, encouraged him to do so.

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“... J.M., thanks for everything. I hope you’re going to apply,” Molina said.

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