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The City of Dexter has announced the retirement of longtime City Attorney Yewell “Bud” Lawrence, who has served the city with dedication and distinction for over 38 years. Mr. Lawrence will officially retire on March 31st, leaving behind a legacy of legal expertise, integrity, and unwavering commitment to the city and its residents.

During his tenure, Mr. Lawrence has played a pivotal role in guiding the city through complex legal matters, ensuring sound governance, and protecting the city’s interests. He has been instrumental in shaping key policies, overseeing legal compliance, and providing trusted counsel to city leadership, as well as serving as the prosecutor within the city court.

“Bud Lawrence has been an invaluable asset to our city, and we are deeply grateful for his many years of service,” said Mayor Mark Snider. “His knowledge, professionalism, and dedication have left a lasting impact, and we wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.”

City Administrator David Wyman echoed the mayor’s comments, “Bud Lawrence has been a fixture in the management of the City of Dexter for decades. This level of loyalty and devotion is rare in today’s workforce. We have been very blessed to have had him helping the city for this length of time. We are losing a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge and experience.”

Moving forward, the City Council has opted to hire two attorneys to manage the legal matters for Dexter. Lifelong Dexter resident, Joe Satterfield, will assume the role of prosecutor for the city court. In addition, the city attorney position will be filled by Cameron Parker, whose office is located in Risco, MO. Both attorneys have accomplished legal backgrounds and experience in municipal law.

Both of the attorneys hired bring a wealth of knowledge and a strong commitment to public service. According to Wyman, “The city is very honored to hire both Satterfield and Parker. I am confident that they are both looking forward to serving the city, working alongside our city officials, and ensuring that they uphold the highest legal and ethical standards. The Council made an excellent decision, and I believe our two new employees will be valuable additions to the city workforce. The primary goals of our city workforce are to provide safety, health, and welfare for our citizens. Cameron and Joe will definitely help us achieve those goals.”

Cameron Parker will officially assume her new position on April 1, 2025. Joe Satterfield will officially assume his position on August 1, 2025.

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