



*It's Happening
in Horace*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:
Heather Syverson, Communications Specialist
701-364-9111

City of Horace Announces Three Candidates for City Administrator

(February 12, 2018) The City of Horace has selected three finalists from a pool of 25 applicants for the new City Administrator position. The finalists are Byron Kleven, Brenton Holper, and Keith Berndt, PE. Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, February 15, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Horace City Hall located at 215 Park Drive East.

Kleven is a Field Safety Specialist for Construction Engineers. He previously served as Public Works Director for the Cities of Stanley and Mayville, North Dakota. Kleven lives in Mayville.

Holper previously served as Public Works Director for Valley City and is a former Associate Planner for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Holper lives in Park City, Kansas.

Berndt is a licensed Professional Engineer who previously served as the County Administrator and County Engineer for Cass County. He currently serves as the County Engineer for Redwood County, Minnesota. Berndt lives in Moorhead.

"We're pleased with the number and quality of candidates who expressed interest in the position. The City Administrator will be instrumental in managing Horace's continued growth," says David Fenelon, Horace City Council Member and Search Committee Leader.

The City Administrator will play an important role in planning, directing, managing, and overseeing the administration of municipal operations as Horace is expected to grow and evolve. The City Council members approved the creation of the new City Administrator position at the November 6, 2017 Council meeting.

Horace, which is approximately three miles south of West Fargo, has seen tremendous growth as a result of overall growth in the region. In the last two decades, the population has increased to nearly 2,700 residents from about 900 in the year 2000.