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PRESS RELEASE

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New Councilmembers sworn in at Rio Dell City Hall.

The City of Rio Dell swore in three councilmembers late in the evening of December 16th during its regularly scheduled meeting. Gordon Johnson, Debra Garnes and Tim Marks were sworn into four year terms after throwing their hats into the ring back in August. Ultimately the trio ran uncontested with Johnson securing 406 votes, Garnes 414, and Marks with 494 votes.

Gordon Johnson is returning to the Council, having first been appointed in 2012 to replace R.L. "Bud" Leonard who retired from the council due to medical issues.

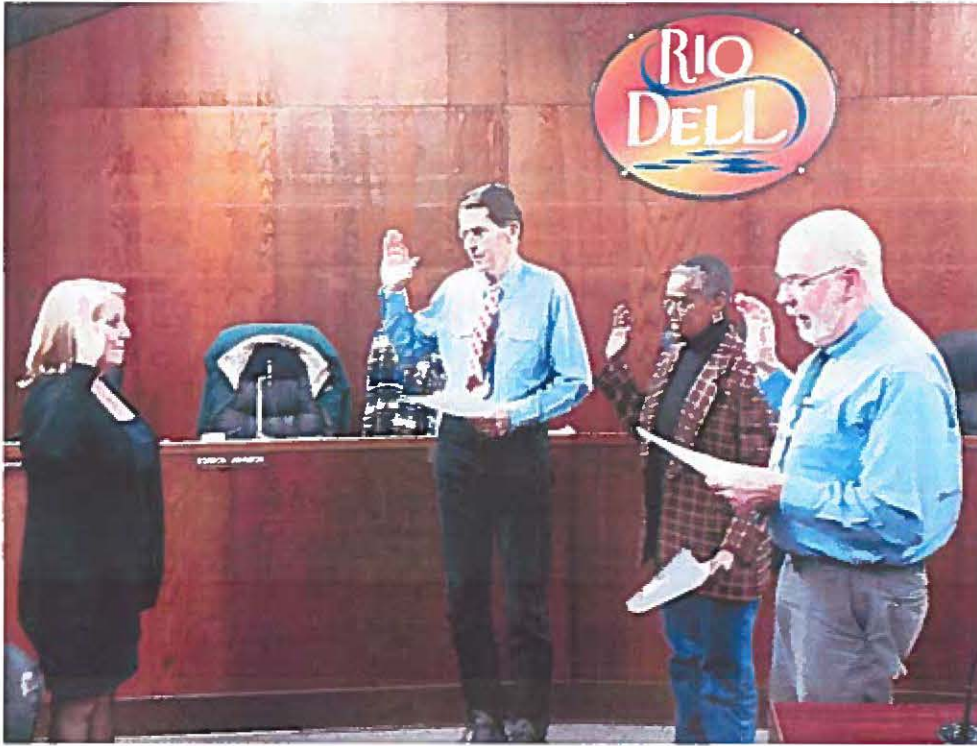
Newly elected to the City Council is Debra Garnes, who has a background in hazardous waste management, and formerly ran a small business for seven years. Garnes has a positive outlook on Rio Dell and is excited to serve the community.

Also new to the council is Tim Marks, a well-known former Palco employee of 33 years who has served on various boards and commissions locally. Marks will assume the seat that his wife Melissa is vacating after eight years.

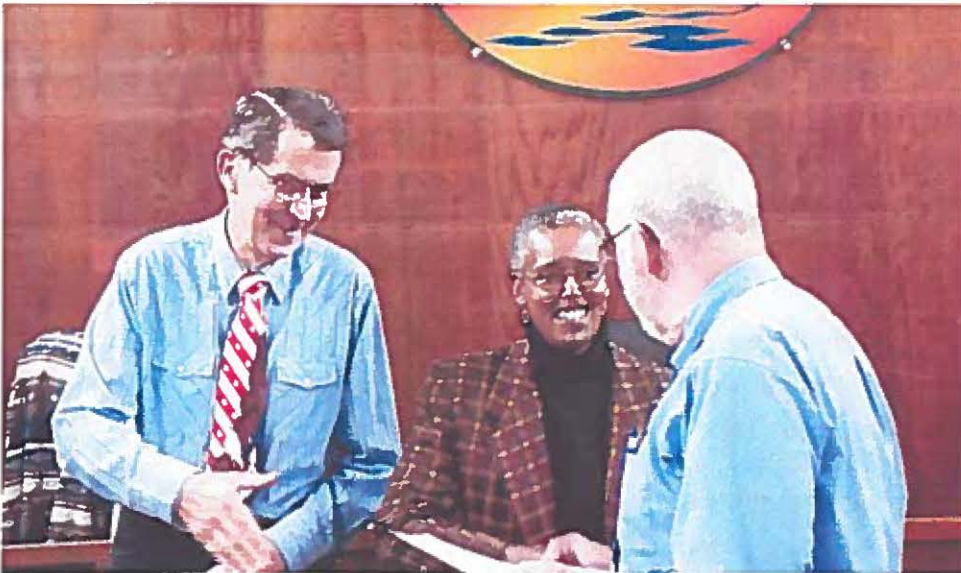
Melissa Marks was joined by Julie Woodall in their decision to not seek another term on the Rio Dell City Council. Woodall earns the distinction of being the City's longest serving Councilmember in history, having 20 consecutive years of service dedicated to the city and its residents.

"On behalf of the community I really want to say thank you to Julie and Melissa." Stated Rio Dell Mayor Jack Thompson. "These two have served this community with distinction and honor. I know that they will continue to remain involved in the affairs of the city, and we are all grateful for that."

The next city council meeting will be held on January 6, 2015 where the council will hold a mayoral election and also make committee assignments, amongst other business.



City Clerk Karen Dunham swears in Gordon Johnson, Debra Garnes and Tim Marks on December 16, 2014.



Newly sworn Councilmembers Gordon Johnson, Debra Garnes and Tim Marks congratulate each other.

Released by: _____
Kyle C. Knopp, City Manager

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