

Press Release

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Letter from Jon Crews:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

So, here we are with a December 1st run-off election. I'd be kidding if I said I'm looking forward to extending my campaign efforts. If you've never run for office, you have no idea of the stress and energy of placing your life on hold while seeking a majority of voter support. Election cycles are all-consuming.

As the Media has pointed out, I have held this office for 30 years. The accomplishments over those three decades is remarkable. We have set aside 1,250 acres of development land, opened 169 businesses, and constructed 7 million square feet serving 7,500 jobs that might otherwise have gone elsewhere.

Retail districts are thriving, our city-owned utilities, gas, water, electric, cable, entertainment, and internet, are the envy of many cities twice or more our size. Our parks, trails and recreational/leisure facilities have brought Cedar Falls awards and recognitions.

The operation of City government is a credit to our veteran staff leadership and their commitment to citizen service. My management style has been to empower others to do their best and to adopt policies that stimulate growth. I am so very proud to have been of service to Cedar Falls. We are a city that is safer, more financially sound and better managed than most cities our size anywhere in the country.

I have thought long and hard about the election results. Those who voted are to be praised. Apparently, the majority of voters are looking for a new face in City Hall. Rather than causing a lot of money to be spent on campaigns and possibly creating bad feelings and division in the ranks, I have decided that I will step down at the end of this term.

I extend my best wishes to Mr. Brown. I pray that his commitment to the office of mayor and to the citizens of Cedar Falls will continue the legacy of progress that has been set. To

every resident, whether supporting me or not, I wish you well. I sincerely thank you for the wonderful opportunity you have given me.

God Bless you All,

Jon Crews
Mayor, Cedar Falls

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