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### **End of an Era Coming to Kyle**

As eras come and go, some are judged by their endurance, others by their impact, and still others by their popularity. For the City of Kyle, an era ends today that encompasses all of these attributes.

**A reception honoring the contributions of Ms. Falcon will be held in the Community Room on the first floor of the Kyle City Hall from 3 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. A special presentation will be made at approximately 5:30 commemorating her years of service.**

Minerva Falcon Officially retires today after 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Kyle. Ms. Falcon has started as a utility clerk, then worked her way up through the ranks to her current role as City Secretary. As City Secretary, Ms. Falcon is responsible for recording and maintaining the minutes of the City Council, advertising legal notices, codifying newly adopted ordinances, administering oaths, ensuring that City staff and elected officials comply with State Conflict of Interest and Campaign Reporting laws, providing notary services, and coordinating and managing Kyle's municipal elections.

Over the course of those 32 years, Ms. Falcon has seen Kyle grow from a small town with a population in the hundreds, to a booming city approaching a population of 30,000.

After today, Kyle residents, City employees, Administrators and elected officials alike will have to become accustom to her absence at meetings or at the new City Hall, the last of four City Halls she has occupied. She will surely be missed.

Falcon was hired as a utility clerk with the City of Kyle in 1975. Newly married, the municipal job afforded her more time with her husband Jesse and her family. At that point, Minerva never expected that she would eventually become the keeper of much of the City's institutional knowledge and history.

Ms. Falcon also worked as Executive Director when the Kyle Housing Authority was established.

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“When I started working for the City I thought this would be a job I would get some training and move on, never imagining that this would be my career and staying here for 32 years”

Since that time, she has seen 10 mayors an untold number of council members and has many fond memories about the City of Kyle and its residents.

Among her favorite memories is how she started the Independence Day Fireworks Show tradition.

“I went to the City Council and asked for \$5,000 for a fireworks show,” Falcon said. “They didn’t think fireworks would be a good use for that kind of money and they almost didn’t approve the expenditure.”

She also takes great pride in other accomplishments such as putting up the Christmas lights each year.

“I see so many things that happen in the City each year and I feel like I have a strong connection to all these things,” Falcon said. “I feel like I’m part of the City, and that’s a feeling I hold very strongly.”

The event was such a huge success that it has become a Kyle tradition that is enjoyed by thousands each year.

Through it all, Falcon says she has no regrets and has no doubt that the City she has grown up with and loves will continue to prosper.

“If I had it to do all over again,” she says, “One of the thing I would have like to have seen is that the old City Hall building become a museum.”

What will she do next?

Falcon says she will stay at home for a while before deciding what she wants to do next.

“I know for sure that I will be spending some quality time with my three grand children and try to do some traveling,” Falcon said. “Other than that, I’ll just have to wait and see.”

Even though she is leaving behind a full and generous legacy with the City of Kyle, she also has a vision for Kyle’s future.

“All the road improvements and new schools, along with the new businesses, make Kyle a very attractive place for many people to bring their businesses and families,” she said. “I see Kyle continuing to grow and prosper, you can’t stop it”