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## Civil servants honored



(from left) Mayor Betty Walker, Deputy City Clerk Laura Cain, City Manager Mary Ellzey, CPD Officer Melissa Watkins and Police Chief Scott Anderson pose for a photo after the presentations Tuesday evening (May 14).

### Story and Photos

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**CHIEFLAND** -- The Chiefland City Commission on Tuesday night (May 14) honored three city employees as those civil servants heralded milestones in their careers as employees of the city.

Honored by the presentation of certificates of appreciation and words of praise were City Manager Mary Ellzey, who has worked for the city for 35 years; Deputy City Clerk Laura Cain, who has worked for the city for 15 years; and Chiefland Police Officer Melissa Watkins, who has worked for the city for five years.

### CITY MANAGER MARY ELLZEY



**Mayor Betty Walker (left) tells everyone that City Manager Mary Ellzey is an extraordinary person.**

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Mayor Betty Walker presented Ellzey with her certificate.

“Mary is an extraordinary person,” Mayor Walker said of City Manager Ellzey. “She always tries to put people first and she solves problems.”

The mayor added that Ellzey is very frugal with the city’s funds. Mayor Walker said for decades now Ellzey has trained city managers, and finally she was placed in that post.

## DEPUTY CITY CLERK LAURA CAIN



**Deputy City Clerk Laura Cain (left) holds her certificate as City Manager Mary Ellzey tells about how Cain helps her.**

City Manager Ellzey presented Deputy City Clerk Cain with her certificate.

Ellzey noted that Cain began her work for the city at "the city barn" in 2003 and then was brought to City Hall (the Hardy Dean Sr. Municipal Building) in 2013 as a staff assistant.

In 2014, when Ellzey became city manager, she assigned Cain to Ellzey's former post as deputy city clerk. The city manager of Chiefland is the city clerk as well as city manager.

“She is a hard worker,” Ellzey said. “She is very professional. She is very diligent, and I couldn’t do my job without her.”

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## CPD OFFICER MELISSA WATKINS



**Police Chief Scott Anderson (left) congratulates Officer Melissa Watkins on her five years of service in the CPD.**

Police Chief Scott Anderson presented Officer Watkins with her certificate.

Chief Anderson noted that Officer Watkins participate in field training on her own, unpaid time.

Officer Watkins has earned four written commendations "for her dedication to the citizens of Chiefland," Chief Anderson said.

She recently started a non-perishable food donation box at the CPD office to help people in need, the chief said.

"It is a great honor to recognize Officer Watkins for her five years of dedicated service," Chief Anderson said, "to the citizens of Chiefland."