

**Statement on 2013 election from City Council President Mike Kennedy:**

“Today I’m announcing that I will not run for re-election to the City Council nor will I run for Mayor this fall. There are two reasons: 1) after eight years of public service my family is looking forward to having more of my undivided time and energy; and 2) our company Intermax Networks is growing rapidly with the construction of our new fiber data and voice network throughout North Idaho. The opportunities are great, we are hiring and expanding, and I want to focus on that growth.

I’ve loved this chapter in my life as an elected official, and I will definitely continue my civic involvement in some form in the future because it’s the right thing to do. My time on City Council has been a valuable down payment on public service.

There are many exceptional people who work for the city and have made this job informative and educational. Together we have accomplished great things. I thank those who have supported me these last eight years by donating their time, talent, and treasure to our campaigns and city initiatives. It has been a tremendous experience.

I encourage competent people of good will who have the time and interest to consider public service to our community. For the last months of my term I’ll keep doing my part to make Coeur d’Alene the great city that it is.”