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Fellow commissioners and citizens paid tribute to Commissioner Ted Floyd at the meeting Monday. Floyd chose not to seek reelection for the District 1 seat, and Monday was his last meeting.

“I would like to thank the constituents of District 1,” said Floyd. He stated that he is not retiring, and will still be very active in the city.

“As you hear in the movies sometimes, I’ll be back,” joked Floyd.

The city commissioners talked a bit about what Floyd’s service has meant to the city, as well as City Manager Kenny Martin.

“I would not be here if it wasn’t for this man,” said Martin, who Floyd hired 23 years ago. “He has one of the finest hearts, finest men I’ve ever met.

Mayor Ed Hagerty presented Floyd with a plaque, as well as a hammer engraved with Corinthians 3:10, which reads “According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.”

“He has continued on that foundation that has been laid,” said Hagerty of Floyd’s service.

In the business portion of the agenda, the commission voted to make the new fire department a recognized fire department. The reason being, according to Assistant Public Works Director Dwayne Hicks, is that there are grants out there that the city could be awarded for firefighters and equipment. That would save money in the fire department budget. The commission approved the resolution, 5-0.

The commission also approved an ordinance that would transfer appropriation for Police Department Patrolman to the City Manager to fund a Grant Writer/Economic Development position. City Manager Kenny Martin said that the City was missing out on grants, and he did not hire anyone to replace him when he left the Economic Development Director position for City Manager. He has been doing both to save money.

In other business, the board approved an ordinance to complete the P25 upgrade originally appropriated in December 2011, a resolution to hire Traffic Technology Integrations (TTI) as a consultant on the traffic signals in Providence, an amendment to the budget to purchase signs, poles and banners to promote the city, and a rezone to a PUD amendment for Providence Medical Center West to allow for a bigger sign.

The next commissioner meeting will not be until Nov. 26 because the Nov. 12 meeting falls on Veteran’s Day.