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Claremont has a new city manager.

City Council decided unanimously at a special meeting Wednesday night to offer the city manager position to Doug L. Barrick, of Cornelius.

Mayor David Morrow contacted Barrick after the meeting to offer him the job, and Barrick officially accepted the offer Thursday.

"We're very excited to have (Barrick) come to Claremont," Morrow said. "There's a lot of things that he's done where he's from that he will bring to Claremont."

Barrick has worked as project manager for the town of Cornelius since May 2005, and he holds Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Science degrees from Appalachian State University. Barrick also serves as a volunteer firefighter for Cornelius.

Barrick was one of six candidates City Council interviewed for the manager position. More than 35 people applied for the position.

"It's the enthusiasm that (Barrick) shows to help guide the city and to keep it running smoothly," Morrow said.

During the interview process, council members kept a score sheet ranking applicants based on their responses to interview questions.

"His score surpassed others," Morrow said.

City Council will appoint Barrick to the city manager position at its Tuesday meeting.

Barrick, who will be on vacation with his wife and 3-month-old daughter, will not be able to attend the meeting.

"I didn't want him to drive back and miss his family vacation," Morrow said.

Barrick is expected to start his city manager duties on Sept. 27.

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Claremont City Council approved a candidate for their city manager position, and the candidate, Doug Barrick, accepted the offer.

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