

**JOURNAL OF POLICE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Gibson Room 212**  
**September 1, 2020 - - 1:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:30 PM

**ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:** Police Commission members present: John Hackwith, Morgan Kasuske, and Tim Shanks. Also present were Lt. Doug Mahlum, Captain Rob Moccasin, and City Clerk Lisa Kunz.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **POLICE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS: McKENZIE LYONS, CHRISTOPHER BARNES, AND DIMAS PATINA FOR THE POLICE FORCE – GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Lt. Mahlum stated that the applications of McKenzie Lyons, Christopher Barnes and Dimas Patina have been referred to the Police Commission. Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §7-32-4154, this meeting is an examination of the applicants as to their age, legal, mental, moral, and physical qualifications and their ability to fill the office as a member of the police force.

He read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-203(3). He asked each applicant's position with regard to right to privacy. All three applicants asserted their right to privacy.

Lt. Mahlum noted that there is substantial value in having the examination confidential to have a frank and open discussion with the applicants and to gain an accurate view of qualifications to determine their ability to fill the office as a member of the police force. Lt. Mahlum determined that each applicant's individual privacy clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure, and closed the meeting for the Commission to conduct each applicant's examination in executive session.

At 1:37 PM the members of the Commission, Lt. Mahlum, Captain Moccasin, and City Clerk Lisa Kunz met in executive session in the Gibson Room for the purpose of the Commission conducting the examination of each applicant individually, starting with McKenzie Lyons.

**- -EXECUTIVE SESSION - -**



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The executive session concluded at 2:50 PM. Lt. Mahlum brought Applicants Lyons and Barnes back in to the room.

The meeting reconvened into an open meeting in the Gibson Room. Lt. Mahlum called the meeting back to order at 2:51 PM.

Lt. Mahlum summarized the Commission's examination of applicants for the police force; that the Commission reviewed the backgrounds of each applicant; and, that McKenzie Lyons, Christopher Barns and Dimas Patina meet the age, legal, mental, moral and physical qualifications and that they are eligible to be members of the Great Falls Police Department.

**Commissioner Kasuske moved, seconded by Commissioner Shanks, that the Police Commission approve of applicants McKenzie Lyons, Christopher Barns and Dimas Patina for hiring consideration as members of the Great Falls Police Department.**

Lt. Mahlum asked if there was any public comment. Hearing none, Lt. Mahlum asked if there was any further discussion amongst the Commissioners.

There being no further discussion, Lt. Mahlum called for the vote.

Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Kasuske, to adjourn the meeting of September 1, 2020, at 2:54 PM.**

Motion carried 3-0.

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Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2020