

**JOURNAL OF POLICE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Gibson Room 212**  
**December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 - - 2:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:35 PM

**ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:** Police Commission members present: John Hackwith, Morgan Kasuske, and Tim Shanks. Also present were Lt. Doug Mahlum

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2020 MEETING MINUTES.**

Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Kasuske to accept the minutes from the September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. POLICE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS: MICHAEL J. KRAUSE AND ANDREW J. RITTON FOR THE POLICE FORCE – GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Lt. Mahlum stated that the applications of Michael J. Krause and Andrew J. Ritton 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.

Lt. Mahlum read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 7-32-4151, that sets forth the role of the Police Commission; reviewed each item provided to the Commission members in their meeting packets; and, read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 7-32-303, qualifications of law enforcement officers. He explained that this meeting is for the Police Commission to review the documentation, conduct the examination of each applicant, and make a determination as to whether each applicant meets the qualifications of a law enforcement officer.

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

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At 2:40 PM the members of the Commission and Lt. Mahlum, 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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Lt. Mahlum summarized the Commission's examination of applicants for the police force; that the Commission reviewed the backgrounds of each applicant; and, that Michael Krause and Andrew

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Ritton meet the age, legal, mental, moral and physical qualifications and that they are eligible to be members of the Great Falls Police Department.

**Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackwith, that the Police Commission approve of applicants Michael Krause and Andrew Ritton 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 Kasuske moved, seconded by Commissioner Shanks, to adjourn the meeting of September 1, 2020, at 3:32 PM.**

Motion carried 3-0.

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Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

\*Minutes approved 3/26/2021  
Acting Secretary Lt. Doug Mahlum