

JOURNAL OF POLICE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Gibson Room 212
August 24th , 2021 - - 1:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30 PM

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVE MARCH 26th, 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackwith to accept the minutes from the March 26th, 2021 meeting.

Motion carried 2-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. POLICE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS: NOLAN VAUGHAN, CHRISTOPHER ARAUJO, AND DALE WILLCOX, FOR THE POLICE FORCE – GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Lt. Mahlum stated that the applications of Nolan Vaughan, Christopher Araujo, and Dale Willcox 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. 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.

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At 1:37 PM 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 Dale Willcox.

- -EXECUTIVE SESSION - -

Applicant Dale Willcox

*Applicant Willcox's was present through a Zoom Audio/Video Call

Applicant Willcox's examination began at 1:37 PM.

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Applicant Willcox's examination concluded at 1:55 PM.

Lt. Mahlum ended the Zoom call with Applicant Willcox and brought in Applicant Vaughan at 1:56 PM.

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Applicant Vaughan's examination concluded at 2:22 PM.

Lt. Mahlum dismissed Applicant Vaughan from the room and brought Applicant Araujo into the room at 2:23 PM.

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Applicant Araujo's examination concluded at 2:44 PM.

Lt. Mahlum brought Applicant Vaughan back into the room and the meeting reconvened into an open meeting in the Gibson Room. Lt. Mahlum called the meeting back to order at 2:45 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 Dale Willcox, Nolan Vaughan, and Christopher Araujo 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 Dale Willcox, Nolan Vaughan, and Christopher Araujo 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 among the Commissioners.

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

Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Shanks moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hackwith, to adjourn the meeting of August 24th, 2021 at 2:47 PM.**

Motion carried 2-0.

Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: _____, 2021

Minutes approved 12/13/21 Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary