

# **JOURNAL OF POLICE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**

**Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Gibson Room 212**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - - 10:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER: 10:00AM**

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

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. APPROVE April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 MEETING MINUTES.**

Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Kasuske to accept the minutes from the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. With a wording change on page 2, second to last paragraph.

Motion carried 3-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. POLICE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS: ABBY RODSETH, KASEY WHITSITT, AND STEPHEN HORN, FOR THE POLICE FORCE – GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Lt. Mahlum stated that the applications of Abby Rodseth, Kasey Whitsitt, and Stephen Horn had been referred to the Police Commission. Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §7-32-4154, this meeting is an examination of the applicant 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 the applicant's position with regard to right to privacy. Applicants Rodseth, Whitsitt, and Horn all asserted their rights 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

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the meeting for the Commission to conduct each applicant's examination in executive session. At 10:10 AM 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 applicants, Abby Rodseth, Kasey Whisitt, and Stephen Horn.

**- -EXECUTIVE SESSION - -**

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*\*1153-1220 only Commissioners Shanks, Kasuske, Hackwith and Lieutenant Mahlum were in the room but were still discussing the private matters of applicant Kasey Whitsitt.*

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The Executive Session came to close at 12:20 PM.

The meeting reconvened in an open meeting in the Rainbow room at 12:22 AM.

Lt. Mahlum summarized the Commission's examination of the applicants for the police force; that the Commission reviewed the backgrounds of the applicants; and, that Abby Rodseth, Kasey Whitsitt, and Stephen Horn meet the age, legal, mental, moral and physical qualifications and they are eligible to be members of the Great Falls Police Department.

**Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Kasuske, that the Police Commission approve of applicants, Abby Rodseth, Kasey Whitsitt, and Stephen Horn for hiring consideration as a members of the Great Falls Police Department.**

**All three Commissioners signed the certificate authorizing Abby Rodseth, Kasey Whitsitt, and Stephen Horn to become a 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.

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Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Shanks moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kasuske, to adjourn the meeting of August 10th, 2022 at 12:25 PM.**

Motion carried 3-0.

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Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

Minutes approved 8/29/22 Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary