

JOURNAL OF POLICE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, City Commission Chambers
December 15th, 2022 - - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVE September 26th, 2022 MEETING MINUTES.

Commissioner Kasuske moved, seconded by Commissioner Shanks to accept the minutes from the September 26th, 2022 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. POLICE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF APPLICANT(S): DANIEL LAWSON FOR THE POLICE FORCE – GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Lt. Mahlum stated that the application(s) of **Daniel Lawson** 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. Applicant(s) **Lawson** asserted his 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 the meeting for the Commission to conduct each applicant(s) examination in executive session.

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At **9:06 AM** members of the Commission and Lt. Mahlum, met in executive session in the City Commission Chambers for the purpose of the Commission conducting the examination of applicant(s), **Daniel Lawson**.

- **-EXECUTIVE SESSION - -**

Applicant Daniel Lawson

**Session began at 0906 hours and concluded at 0942 hours*

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The Executive Session came to close at **9:37 AM**.

The meeting reconvened in an open meeting in the City Commission chambers at **9:38 AM**.

Lt. Mahlum summarized the Commission's examination of the applicant(s) for the police force; that the Commission reviewed the background of the applicant(s); and, that **Daniel Lawson**, meets 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 Hackwith, that the Police Commission approve of applicant, Daniel Lawson, for hiring consideration as member 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 3-0.

All three Commissioners signed the certificate authorizing Daniel Lawson to become a member(s) of the Great Falls Police Department.

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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 December 15th at 9:42 AM.**

Motion carried 3-0.

Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: _____, 2023

Minutes approved 3/30/23 Lt. Doug Mahlum, Acting Secretary