

**APPROVED
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm by Council Person Peggy Williams. Council Persons in attendance were Mr. Olsen, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Beach, Mr. Teske and Mrs. Smith. Also in attendance were City Clerk/Treasure Audray McCollum and City Administrator Jim Hammons.

MAYOR APPOINTMENT

Council Person Williams opened the meeting to appoint a new mayor to the Libby City Council. One candidate for the position was in attendance. The candidate was Mr. Brent Teske.

Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Teske to address the council and state why he was interested in the mayor position.

Mr. Teske stated he lived at 804 Michigan. He thanked the council for considering him for mayor. He wished there would have been more candidates to interview and council to choose from. Teske talked about his back ground stating he had lived most of his life in Libby. He joined the military for a period of time then realized he wanted to come back to Libby. When returning to Libby he was hired by the Libby Police department where he worked for ten years. He then took a contract with the state department to go to Afghanistan to mentor the Afghan police for a year and half. Upon returning he went back to the Libby Police department for year and half then back to Afghanistan for two years.

When Mr. Teske came home from Afghanistan he had a different attitude about life and took a job where he had more time to do different things with his time. Mr. Teske was elected to the Libby City Council three years ago. Dealing with several conflicting issues which he had to step up as council president and chair council meetings. He then realized this was something he could confidently do.

Mr. Teske decided to apply for the remaining term for mayor. He would like to see how the rest of this term goes before deciding if he will run for mayor again. Mr. Teske then asked council if they had any questions.

Mr. Zimmerman asked if Mr. Teske realized how much time is required as acting mayor. Teske replied that he did. As a council person he had committed many hours to the committees that he was on. Acting as interim mayor for the last twenty one days he had organized several meetings to move things forward.

Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Teske what was the city's role in economic development. Mr. Teske stated the cities role was very important. He has been attending several meetings to educate himself. He would like to see a town clean up, business district improvements and feels people will stand behind him to get this done. He would like to see Libby do a better job to positively portray itself.

Mr. Beach asked if Mr. Teske is willing to get all parties together for a more combined effort. Teske replied he would, one being getting the council to come together. He said as a council they need to support all the local efforts to make Libby a better place.

Mrs. Williams opened the meeting up for public comments.

Mark Peck, 1028 Mineral Ave, stated he was here to speak as a local citizen and as county commissioner and he loved what he heard. Mr. Peck Looks forward to a working relationship between the county and city.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to accept Brent Teske letter of interest for interim mayor. Mr. Olsen second.
Motion Passed.

Mr. Teske was sworn in by taking the Oath of Office, from county commissioner Mark Peck.

Mayor Teske stated that he respected all the city council members and told them open communications was very important to him.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Beach second.
Motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Mrs. Williams called the meeting back to order at 7:14 pm.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to accept Brent Teske for Mayor.
Mr. Beach second.
Motion passed.

Mr. Beach made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Olsen second.
Motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Peggy Williams, Councilperson

Attest; _____
Audray J. McCollum, City Clerk/Treasurer