## APPROVED

**The 1456th Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on Monday October**

**17, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Brent Teske.

Present were Mrs. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Olsen, Mr. Beach, Mrs. Smith City Treasurer/Clerk Audray McCollum and City Administrator Jim Hammons.

Prayer was offered by Elvie Miller.

Mr. Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 28(appoint vacant council member) September 28(appoint new mayor) and the regular meeting # 1455 held on October 3, 2016. Mrs. Smith second.

Motion passed.

## Committee Reports: Cemetery/Parks: None.

**Fire:** Mr. Zimmerman said there would be a meeting with the Lincoln County rural fire board on November 14, 7:30 at the fire hall. Discussion will be on the fire hall roof.

**Police:** None.

**Resolutions/Ordinances:** Mrs. Williams stated there will be a meeting on Oct 26 to discuss the 4 outstanding ordinances so they can be ready for the November 7 council meeting.

## Lights/Streets/Sidewalks: None.

**Building:** Mr. Beach said the committee had met with Bonnie Simpson from the Montana Athletic Club to discuss lease options. Beach was hoping to have the lease ready by the November 7 council meeting.

**Water/Sewer:** None.

**Personnel:** Mayor Teske said he was working on the job description for the chief of police.

**Budget:** None.

**Finance:** None.

**City Administrator:** Mr. Hammons stated the city wide leaf pick up will start next week.

**CAG:** None.

**KRDC:** Mr. Zimmerman said at their last meeting they discussed grant options for the purposed wayfinding signs.

**City County Health Board:** Mayor Teske said he had the interlocal agreement signed with the county commissioners. Mr. Teske wants the council to start looking for a representative for the city county health board.

**Announcements:**

Mrs. Williams invited the public to come meet the new mayor, council members and city attorney on November 7 at 6 pm in the council chambers.

# Hear from the public on items on the agenda:

D C Orr, 1117 Nevada, spoke to the council about the council rules and procedures. He urged all new council members to read and follow it. Mr. Orr would like public participation before items from the agenda are voted on. He feels this would help the council gather knowledge before voting on agenda items.

Mayor Teske replied the council would be looking at changing the format.

Rob Hubbard, 15 Northwood, agreed with Mr. Orr and would like to have public participation before items on the agenda are voted on. Hubbard told Mayor Teske he has the power to do this without council approval. Mr. Hubbard thinks this will help retore public trust and move Libby forward.

Mayor Teske agreed with Mr. Hubbard but would like the council as a whole to agree on the new format.

**New Business:**

Mayor Teske brought up a concern that D C Orr had in how to chair a council meeting in the absence of the mayor and council chair. This was in reference to the city council meeting on September 28(appointing the new mayor).

Mayor Teske said had been researching to find an answer, and said he was at fault on picking a chair for that meeting and apologized. He stated he had consulted with both senior members of the council and both agreed to have Mrs. Williams chair that meeting. Mayor Teske said it should have gone to the council for a vote. Mayor Teske said this matter will be on the next agenda and council will have the option to accept or repeal the action of the September 28 meeting (appointing a new mayor).

Mr. Orr thanked Mayor Teske for taking action on this item.

Appoint New Council Member:

There were four candidates interested in the council positions. One of the candidates was not qualified (Mr. Christopher Johnson) he had not lived in the city for 60 days. Two of the candidates for the position were in attendance. The candidates were Mr. Gary Beach and Mr. Dennis Sauther. The third candidate Ms. Jannelle Campbell was held up in another meeting.

Mayor Teske stated that Ms. Campbell was not informed about the council meeting and asked to start the council interviews in hopes that Ms. Campbell could be reached to be interviewed after the first two candidates.

Mr. Olsen made a motion to discard Ms Campbell’s application.

Motion died due to lack of second.

Mrs. Williams stated Ms. Campbell should not be disqualified because she was not notified of the meeting.

Mr. Olsen disagreed stated that this was a job interview, it was Ms. Campbell who should have found out when the meeting was.

Mr. Olsen made a motion to discard Ms. Campbell’s application.

Motion dies due to lack of a second.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to interview Mr. Neff and Mr. Sauther first, giving Ms. Campbell time to show.

Mrs. Smith second.

Motion passed with Mr. Olsen opposed.

Mayor Teske asked the candidates to join city administrator Jim Hammons in the back to be summoned one at a time to express their interest in why they would like to be on the Libby City Council.

The first candidate to speak was Gary Neff, 407 10th ST E. Mr. Neff stated that Libby is not a business to him Libby is his home. He would like to be involved with the council to be responsible to the City of Libby.

Mrs. Smith asked what Mr. Neff’s vision of Libby’s future was.

Mr. Neff said there was two phases the business and the physical plant. Mr. Neff would like to stay more focused on the physical plant and update Libby’s infrastructure and equipment. He would like to see the city plan ahead, start saving for new equipment.

Mrs. Williams had no questions.

Mr. Olsen stated that Mr. Neff is a heck of a good man and qualified for the position.

Mr. Beach thanked Mr. Neff for applying for the position and asked if he was involved in any civic groups.

Mr. Neff said he was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Beach would like to know how Mr. Neff plans on generating money for new equipment.

Mr. Neff stated he had done some grant writing, and there were a lot of grants out there to help obtain this equipment. Mr. Neff would like to see the city sell the zipper and use the proceeds to buy more useful equipment.

Mr. Zimmerman had no questions.

Next to address the council was Mr. Dennis Sauther, 614 California. Mr. Sauther stated he could bring his building knowledge and past experience with County government to the council. He would like Libby to be a safe, attractive and financial responsible community. Sauther would like the city to encourage businesses to keep well kept landscapes and pride of ownership. This would attract new business, retirees and young families to Libby. Libby should be as beautiful as its surroundings. This is what he would like to bring to the council.

Mr. Zimmerman asked what characteristics Mr. Sauther would bring to the council to move Libby forward.

Mr. Sauther would like to see The City of Libby recognize business and residents for cleaning up their property. He suggested placing an ad in the paper.

Mr. Beach asked what civic groups Mr. Sauther was involved in.

Mr. Sauther is a member of the Igniters club and the VFW.

Mr. Beach asked about the Lincoln County study commission that Mr. Sauther was involved with in the 1980’s.

Mr. Sauther stated the commission studied different forms of government.

Mr. Olsen asked Mr. Sauther why he ran for city council before but didn’t run last time.

Mr. Sauther felt Kristin Smith was a better candidate then he was.

Mr. Olsen asked if Mr. Sauther had signed the recall petition.

Mr. Sauther said he had not.

Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Sauther to restate his personal strengths that he would bring to the council.

Mr. Sauther said he had been in the Libby area since 1972 and has lived in the city of Libby for the past 2 years. He has owned a business for the past 15 years and keeps up with what is going on in the city. He has dealt with the public in a positive way though his business and feels if you listen to what people’s needs are you can satisfy them.

Mrs. Williams asked what committees Mr. Sauther would like to serve on.

Mr. Sauther would like to serve on a committee to keep Libby as beautiful as it is now.

Mrs. Smith thanked Mr. Sauther for coming and had no further questions.

Mayor Teske thanked Mr. Sauther for applying and said he appreciated the appearance of his down town business and said he was an inspiration to businesses on his block.

Last to address the council was Jannelle Campbell, 1020 W 9th St. Mayor Teske thanked Ms. Campbell for applying, and then asked if she had been informed of the meeting. She replied she had not, Mr. Teske apologized for that. Ms. Campbell then stated she has owned the County Inn for the past two and half years. She moved to Libby from Portland Oregon were she had lived most of her life. Ms. Campbell had traveled the world as a consultant helping companies out in many different facets. Ms. Campbell would like to serve on the council to help Libby grow; she sees the potential in the area. As the owner of a local business she sees areas that need help with growth, she is hoping that she can assist.

Mrs. Smith thanked Ms. Campbell for applying and asked what her ideas were for the future of Libby.

Ms. Campbell replied that she has been working to bring the ~~tea bill~~ TBID to Libby. She is hoping this will get Libby’s presence out during the winter months to attract business to the area. Ms. Campbell is hoping when the Hecla mine starts operating it will bring additional employment to the smaller businesses in town, while still keeping the small town feel.

Mrs. Williams asked what the city role in economic development is.

Ms. Campbell feels the city can help with business ordinances, laws and assisting with new businesses coming to Libby.

Mrs. Williams asked Ms. Campbell what personal strengths she could bring to the council.

Ms. Campbell stated she has a technology background, program management, team player as well as working independently. She is a promoter and positive thinker.

Mr. Olsen asked if Ms. Campbell had prepared herself for the city council position.

Ms. Campbell replied that she had not; it was a last minute decision.

Mr. Olsen asked if she had attended any council or ordinance meetings.

Ms Campbell replied no.

Mr. Olsen asked if she had been asked to apply for the council position.

Ms. Campbell replied that several people had asked her including Mrs. Smith, Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Beach.

Mr. Beach asked Ms. Campbell about the purposed ~~Tea bill~~ TBID.

Ms. Campbell said an independent consultant came to Libby and recommended the Tea Bill. Ms. Campbell has been documenting and working with two other people to reach out to other local hotel owners to see if this will progress.

Mr. Beach asked if Ms. Campbell belonged to any other groups besides the KRDC.

Ms. Campbell said she was not.

Mr. Zimmerman had no questions.

Mr. Teske thanked Ms. Campbell for submitting her application.

Ms. Campbell thanked the council for their time.

Mayor Teske asked council for nominations.

Mr. Olsen nominated Mr. Gary Neff.

Mrs. Williams nominated Mr. Dennis Souther

Mrs. Smith nominated Jannelle Campbell.

Mayor Teske opened the meeting up to public comments.

D C Orr expressed concerns with three council members seeking out a candidate. He feels appointments are dangerous because council tends to pick someone that thinks the same as them. He wants the council to be made up of people with diverse and different ideas. Mr. Orr feels that Gary Neff is the most qualified and the council need his experience. He wished the council luck.

Rob Hubbard was really impressed with Ms. Campbell said she was well spoken. Mr. Hubbard is concerned with the behind the scenes stuff that is going on and with the last two appointments and the council was breaking the law. Hubbard has seen Gary in action and he knows his stuff to move Libby forward. Hubbard expressed concerns with Mrs. Smiths and Ms. Campbell’s involvement with the KRDC.

Mrs. Smith called for a point of order, Mayor Teske asked Mr. Hubbard to keep on subject.

Mr. Hubbard continued with his concerns over Mrs. Smith’s involvement with the KRDC and serving on the council at the same time. Stating there could be legalities in the future.

Mr. Hubbard said he liked Ms. Campbell and she could be right for Libby but he would prefer Gary Neff for the council seat.

Mayor Teske responded that the CDBG grant was looked into and was deemed it would not be a conflict of interest. If any votes are taken in the future in regards to the grant Mrs. Smith will have to abstain from the vote. Mr. Teske is checking to see if there could be any conflict of interest with council members sitting on the KRDC board.

Arlene McGill, 807 Wisconsin, would like council to choose a council person who has attended and participated in council meetings. McGill expressed concerns with members’ recruiting people to apply for the council position.

Mayor Teske said he had no personnel agenda with any of the candidates and would not personally call anyone out.

Mr. Beach responded that he met Ms. Campbell on a professional level and felt she had great ideas and would be a asset to the city. Mr. Beach also met with Mr. Neff and asked him to apply; he did not have the opportunity to talk to Mr. Sauther.

Mr. Zimmerman said he met Ms. Campbell at a meeting and felt she would be a great asset to the city. Zimmerman met personally with Gary Neff and Dennis Sauther they discussed different issues. Zimmerman wants to have someone on the council to move Libby forward.

Mrs. Smith stated all the council members want to do good for the City for Libby. Mrs. Smith had encouraged several people to put in applications, people with different backgrounds who don’t all think alike to fill skills that are missing on the council.

Arlene McGill wants someone who has attended at least one city council meeting and knows what the different boards are. Have a understanding of the dynamic of the council.

Mayor Teske stated we cannot exclude someone for not attending a council meeting it is not in our policy. Council may consider this is the future.

Ms. Tammy Brown does not want Janelle’s name tainted and said all council members had encouraged her to put her letter of intent in last time.

Mayor Teske encouraged more citizens to apply for future positions and the upcoming election.

Mayor Teske asked for the vote.

First nominee was Gary Neff.

Mr. Olsen voted yes.

Mrs. Smith, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Beach and Mrs. Williams voted no.

Second nominee was Denise Sauther.

Mr. Beach and Mrs. Williams voted for.

Mr. Olsen, Mr. Zimmerman against.

Mrs. Smith abstained.

Mayor Teske voted no.

Last nominee was Jannelle Campbell.

Mrs. Smith, Mr. Zimmerman and Mrs. Williams voted yes.

Mr. Olsen voted no and Mr. Beach abstained.

Mayor Teske announced the council person is Jannelle Campbell.

Allen Olsen disagreed with the vote and stated the vote was stacked; he is worried that Libby will not move forward.

Mayor Teske thanked Mr. Neff and Mr. Sauther for their interest and encouraged them to run again.

Ms. Campbell was brought out and sworn in by Mayor Brent Teske.

Update on the planning board:

Ms. Lisa Oedewaldt said she’s been updating the cities website with all the changes going with the council seats. Ms. Oedewaldt asked council approval to run advertisement for all five positions on the planning board for three weeks.

Ms. Oedewaldt stated the application for the planning board as well as the map showing residency lines is on the cities website. Ms. Oedewalt then explained the process of how the board members are chosen.

Council discussion followed on placing bids out to local papers to publish city advertising.

Mrs. Smith thanked Ms. Oedewaldt for involvement with the planning board.

Mayor Teske told Ms Oedewaldt he will get back to her about placing the ad in the paper.

# Hear from the public on items not on the agenda limited to three minutes:

D C Orr, 1117 Nevada, encouraged council members not to bring up the residency issue with Mr. ~~Orr~~ Olsen stating that had been decided in court. He wants the council to work together for the betterment of Libby and include Mr. Olsen. Mr. Orr said that Mr. Neff should have been chosen over the last three candidates.

Mrs. Smith called for point of order.

Mr. Orr said the council needs experience, you don’t know how government works.

Mayor Teske responded it is important to him to keep everyone including Mr. Olsen informed on everything that is happing with the council.

Mr. Olsen asked if anyone has any issues to come talk to him directly.

Rob Hubbard asked council not to call for point of order during public participation.

Mayor Teske responded that council has the right to.

Mr. Hubbard disagreed, stating the reason for all the council changes was because of public participation. Council is accountable to the people they serve.

Mr. Hubbard asked who decides if a comment is slanderous.

Mayor Teske replied any person addressing the council needs to address the council chair and not direct them to an individual council person.

Mr. Hubbard disagreed. Mr. Hubbard then asked about choosing council people from different city wards as was done in the past. This would give the council a representative example from each ward.

Mr. Hubbard is happy with the council person the council voted in tonight, she has some great ideas.

Mr. Hubbard wants to make sure there is not a conflict of interest with KRDC and city council members.

Arlene McGill, 807 Wisconsin, asked council about funding for the fire hall roof.

Mayor Teske stated the city is waiting to see what the rural fire district can contribute.

Mr. McGill then asked if any asbestos had been found in the fire hall roof.

Mayor Teske did not think so.

McGill expressed concerns with housing the fire trucks during the winter months till the roof could be repaired.

Mayor Teske said the trucks had been moved from the fire hall bay where they were most concerned. They might have to look into moving more trucks depending on the snow load over the winter.

McGill asked who would be removing the snow from the fire hall roof during the winter.

Mayor Teske said the city would look at different options for snow removal.

McGill asked if all the drains were functioning and what the time frame for the roof was.

Mayor Teske responded the drains were functioning and the city is ahead of schedule for the fire hall roof.

# Adjournment:

# Mrs. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

# Mrs. Smith second.

# Motion passed.

# Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

\_ Attest; Mayor, Brent Teske Audray J. McCollum, City Clerk-Treasurer