

# POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES MEETING #7

MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL

## CALL TO ORDER:

Seven Boyer, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Members performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were:

- Steven Boyer-Chair (term ends 04/30/2025)
- Brad Nelson-Vice Chair (term ends 04/30/2024)
- Karen Dinkins-Secretary (term ends 04/30/2026)

The minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting was read. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting dated February 13th, 2024, meeting By Steven Boyer. Second by Brad Nelson.

**Motion passed.**

## Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

DC Orr, 1117 Nevada Ave, commented about the need for transparency to restore public trust. DC's father wore a gun and badge. He said Integrity matters in law enforcement. DC has had three assaults on his character and has won three times. Accusations harm the chief and the public has the right to know grievances made against him. DC made a request for the grievance filed by Ron Buckner.

Kathleen Sheffield came to invite all to the candlelight vigil, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 pm in front of the courthouse. She hopes to have a presentation. She has several cases she is working on, including a partner family assault. She welcomed Brad Nelson to the commission.

## Unfinished Business:

1. Webpage – Steven will take a photo of Brad at the end of the meeting and send this to Sam Sikes, City Administrator to post on the Police Commission webpage.

### Public comment:

No public comment

2. Review of Libby Police Commission Rules & Orders changes. Steven Boyer made a motion to accept the changes. Second by Brad Nelson. **Motion passed.**

### Public comment:

No public comment

3. Qualifications Checklist for:
  - a. Caleb Thomas – Sworn in July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - b. Don Luthey – Sworn in September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - c. Seth Power – Sworn in December 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 in private – December 18<sup>th</sup> Introduction to council

Karen Dinkins does not feel the documents provided by Cody Ercanbrack saying that he had reviewed the necessary documents and the dates that he reviewed them was sufficient. Karen does not understand why the Police Commission is not being allowed to view each of the items in Section 1. Karen asked what kind of background check is done related to Section 2 and part of Section 3. Cody Ercanbrack said it is a NCIC (National Crime Information Center) full check which includes local and national searches. Karen does not believe the form for the medical and mental health evaluation signed by the provider is sufficient. A proposed form was on the

agenda under new business but the discussion about it ensued at this time. Steven and Brad did not have issues or concerns about the proposed form. The proposed form includes the provider certification stating they are not the primary care provider for the applicant and also certification based on MCA 7-32-303 (h) for the physical and MCA 7-32-303 (g), (i) and (ii) for the mental health. Both forms also include the state and license # for the provider and provider credentials. Steven Boyer made a motion to accept the proposed form. Second by Karen Dinkins. **Motion passed.**

**Public Comment:**

DC Orr – 1117 Nevada Ave. DC has been on both sides since October 1998. He has been friends with various mayors and urged the commission not to be buddy buddy with the officers. The mayor illegally disbanded the commission previously. DC told the commission to “keep doing what we are doing.” DC stated the problem is in the mayor’s office.

**New Business:**

1. Medical & Mental Health Qualification proposed forms – This item was discussed as part of the unfinished business qualifications checklist.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

2. Emails received by the Police Commission – DC Orr sent two emails previously. These were included in the meeting packet. The emails were previously read by the commission and documented as received.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

**General Comments by the Commission:**

Steven Boyer commented that he does not want to be buddy buddy.

Karen Dinkins commented there will a slight change to the agenda format going forward to include a section on “Standing Items” specifically for review of emails and applicants.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

The next Police Commission meeting is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Steven Boyer. Second by Brad Nelson. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Steve Boyer, Police Commission Chair

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Brad Nelson, Police Commission Vice Chair

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Karen Dinkins, Police Commission Secretary