

## **Local Government Study Commission #2**

**Monday, November 25, 2024 @ 4:30 PM**

**Council Chambers – City Hall**

The meeting was called out of recess by DC Orr at 4:33pm. DC Orr and Karen Dinkins were in attendance. Vincent Backen joined at 4:46 pm.

### **Organizational Discussion (No decisions will be made):**

- DC reported that he was not able to get ahold of anyone in Troy regarding their commission. Eureka will have one and the County will also have a commission.

### **Timeline & General Discussion:**

- We have a two-year time frame, and the commission does not want to be scrambling at the end.
- Karen Dinkins reported that an opportunity had arisen, and she would be moving out of city limits within the next 6 – 10 months. Does the commission want to have a replacement appointed now or wait until later? DC Orr and Vincent Backen decided it was best to find a replacement now.
- There was discussion about the steps such as interviewing city employees, holding public meetings, providing regular public updates, etc.
- All meetings where the three members are present must be publicly announced 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Interviews can be conducted by one member of the commission which will not require a public announcement.
- Understanding the options of forms of government should be prepared.
- The commission may employ persons necessary to complete the mission.
- Vincent Backen has been told that the commission should consider all of Lincoln County should be annexed into the city. This would be a bold suggestion by the commission. The reason for this suggestion is because the City of Libby has been fiscally responsible.
- Discussion also centered around public participation. The school used to have a class "Principles of Democracy. Vince is going to check out classes are being taught and how to get students involved.
- Need to determine the meeting schedule so the public has a consistent meeting schedule.

**No Public comment.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was recessed at 6:31pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4:30pm.