

# Minutes for approval

## City of Libby Local Government Study

**Commision meeting # 9**

**10:00 am- Tuesday, 18 February 2025**

**Kw Maki Theatre, 724 Louisiana Ave Libby, MT**

### **Call the meeting to order**

**Meeting called to order by DC Orr 10:05am**

**Present were Vincent Backen, John Bebee**

1. Pledge of Allegiance **was conducted**
2. Roll Call of the Board Members **was conducted**
3. Welcome and announcements  
**Welcome to the attendees and explanation of the purpose of the Commission was presented by Vincent Backen see Document Purpose and Benifit**
4. Public Comment over anything on the agenda  
**Baxter made a comment about having a memorandum to hand out .**  
**Tony from the republican club commented on the important work the commission was doing.**  
**A student asked about internships**
5. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting  
**Moved to next # 10 meeting**
6. Correspondence or Study Commission Update  
**Backen announced communication with the Donna Martin nonpartisan elections and having the commission speak with the Democrats committee for up dates and participation.**  
**Backen relayed the communications with Ellen Mills and Superintendent John Goodman of Libby Schools regarding the use of the Maki theatre and the rental of office space by the commission .**
7. Unfinished Business
  - a. Continue charter review  
**Ongoing Discussion between commissioners, the reading of the charter**
  - b. Public Hearing agenda  
**Ongoing discussion of syllabus for the upcoming public hearings between the commissioners. The first hearing will be to open the hearing up to Form, Function and problems of the local government .**
  - c. Outline for the Study  
**Ongoing discussion between the commissioners about developing the syllabus.**  
**Discussion on polls, mailers, facebook , newspaper editorial John Bebee decided to start a personal facebook page as a study commissioner.**

- d. History review of past Study Commissions.. **No discussion**
- 8. New Business
  - a. Review Expenses and process for A/P  
**DC recommended to add to the bylaws a section on A/P noting that the commissioners can purchase up to \$50.00 of items for the commission without a P.O or to be paid at a latter date through the Clerk treasurer**
  - b. Adding a Ethics committee to the Study Commission  
**DC suggested we not use the word Ethics , it implies a statutory definition. He suggested for our deliberations we use the words and definitions of the accountability/transparency committee . Backen suggested the commission formalize the committee and have 1 commissioner and 2 citizens on the committee**  
  
**DC made a motion to recess to a date and time certain.  
It was seconded by Backen. Discussion was held and agreed to reconvene 10 am 24 February 2025 at the Maki theatre.  
It was brought to a unanimous vote**
  - c. Committees to be add in time
  - d. The need or lack of need for a office admin
  - e. Interns for the Study
- 9. Other Scheduled Matters
- 10. Public Comment on anything not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the study Commission: An item that is not scheduled on the agenda for the current meeting may be commented on by the public and may be briefly discussed by the study commission at the body's discretion. However, the purpose of such discussion shall be to decide whether or not to schedule the item for discussion and/or vote on a subsequent agenda. As a general rule no matter of significant interest to the public should be decided upon without prior notice to the public as a scheduled Study Commission agenda item.
- 11. Announcements (such as schedule time, date, and location of next meeting)
- 12. General comment from council , public comments will not be taken during this portion of the meeting
- 13. Adjournment and or recess.

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