

POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 14TH, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

Seven Boyer, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Members performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Steven Boyer-Chair, John Bebee-Vice Chair, Karen Dinkins-Secretary

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting dated November 21st, 2023, meeting By Karen Dinkins. Second by John Bebee. **Motion passed.**

Public Comment:

DC Orr 1117 Nevada Ave. The minutes are delinquent of what has happened with the 2 officers that kept the integrity of the Libby Police Department intact. Sgt Buckner should be properly recognized. He applauded the police commission for informing the officers of their rights. The mayor illegally disbanded the police commission.

Ronald Buckner 103 East Popular. Provided the police commission with a grievance and notice of complaint.

Kathleen Sheffield – Victims Advocate 512 Mineral. The services provided are meeting with victims and the underserved. They get cases from the sheriff. Notification of compensation and victims' rights. They walk victims through rights and restitution and help the victim with victim impact statements. They look forward to working with the police commission.

John Bebee responded that the commission responsibilities are not directed towards crime victims. It is just as important to support crime victims and citizens should know we care.

Old Business:

1. Webpage – a mockup of the webpage was presented to the commission. This was based on the previous police commission webpage. A motion to accept the mockup was made by Karen Dinkins. Seconded by John Bebee. **Motion passed.**
2. Certification of Applicants for officers and letter to the mayor. No certifications (minimum qualifications checklist) have been signed off by the police commission for the following officers that have already been sworn in by the Chief of Police and the Mayor:
 - a. Caleb Thomas
 - b. Don Luthey
 - c. Seth Power
3. Budget Review – A review of the budget was performed. Overages were expected in some areas and expenditures look to be on track.

New Business:

1. Commission Letter to Mayor/Chief – The draft letter to the mayor indicating the police commission position on examinations of applications was reviewed. A motion to accept the mockup was made by Karen Dinkins. Seconded by John Bebee. **Motion passed.** Karen will send the signed copy of the letter to the mayor by the end of the week.

General Comments by the Commission:

Karen Dinkins will deliver the grievance and complaint given to the commission by Ron Buckner to the mayor by the end of the week via email. Karen also requested the mayor provide items from Section 3 of the minimum qualifications check list for the Chief.

John Bebee stated the commission is to assist but sees guarded measures and hesitancy in providing documentation.

Dan Clark is scheduled to hold a police commission training session on January 10th, 2024. This will be open to the public, but no public comment will be taken.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

The next Police Commission meeting is scheduled for January 9th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

John Bebee made a motion to adjourn. Steven Boyer seconded. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Steve Boyer, Police Commission Chair

John Bebee, Police Commission Vice Chair

Karen Dinkins, Police Commission Secretary