

Missoula City Council Public Safety and Health Committee Minutes

February 19, 2020

10:00 AM

City Council Chambers

140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Members present: Stacie Anderson (chair), John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Mirtha Becerra, Jordan Hess

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes were not available for review-will be approved March 4, 2020

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Confirmation of Police Officers Bennett, Bloomdahl and McDonald

Assistant Chief Scott Hoffman brought the confirmation of three police officers to committee. They have three officers up for confirmation. They have two officers that were hired in December of 2018 and one that was hired in February 2019. They are officers Bloomdahl, Bennett and McDonald. They have completed the academy, the FTO program and one year under the supervision of team sergeants and corporals. Officer McDonald came to them post certified from Ontario California so he had to attend just two weeks at the academy. They have all completed the training completed and to be confirmed and he asked that the council recommend them for confirmation.

Julie asked about the vacancies-after these three are confirmed, where does this leave us with vacancies? Scott said currently they are sitting at five vacancies. Chief Jason White will be joining them March 1st. Three positions are at the academy schedule in April. If we can get an additional academy slot in April, we will be hiring an additional person so we will be full on paper as of April.

Moved by: Gwen Jones

Confirm Officers Whitney Bennett, Adam Bloomdahl and Jeff McDonald

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, John Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Mirtha Becerra, and Jordan Hess

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned