



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Public Safety and Health

Item: Confirmation of Police Officers Bennett, Bloomdahl and McDonald

Date: January 30, 2020

Sponsor(s): Mike Colyer

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Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☐ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2	☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☐ Ward 6
☒ All Wards	☐ N/A

Action Required:

Confirm Police Officers

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Confirm Officers Whitney Bennett, Adam Bloomdahl and Jeff McDonald

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	February 10, 2020
Committee discussion:	February 12, 2020
Council action (or sets hearing):	February 24, 2020
Public Hearing:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Deadline:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Police Officers are hired as probationary officers and are on probation for a period of one year. Their training includes 12 weeks at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (unless previously academy-certified) and they are then in our department's Field Training Officer program for up to 14 weeks. After this six-month training period, officers are "on their own" responding to calls, etc. and are supervised by Corporals and Sergeants in their day-to-day activities.

Once they have satisfactorily completed the academy, FTO program and six additional months of probationary status, they are referred to City Council for confirmation.

Financial Implications:

Links to external websites: