

**WHITEFISH LOCAL STUDY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Ken called the meeting to order. Members present were Tuner Askew, Rebecca Norton, Vanice Woodbeck, secretary and Nan Askew was in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nan said she enjoyed reading the letter that the committee had in the Whitefish Pilot.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 8TH, JULY 22ND, AUGUST 12TH, 14TH, 17TH, 19TH AND SEPTEMBER 16, 2015.
Ken made a motion, seconded by Turner, to approve the July 8th, July 22nd, August 12, 14th, 17th, 19th and September 16, 2015 minutes and allowing any Local Study Commission to have their comments and notes be appendix to the approved minutes for the final report.

Rebecca said the minutes for September 16, 2015 on Charlie Abell's comments to be changed from "he feels that the council is being political run." To "he feels that the city is being run by a political machine.

The motion passed by acclamation as amended.

WORK ON FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

Ken said he read the letter to the Council Monday evening and it was also put in the Whitefish Pilot and will be in the Interlake and he will see that it is also put into the Flathead Beacon.

Ken said it would be wise for the commission to have answers for the citizens with any potential questions. He said the letter does define ombudsperson. He said some questions could be the increase in bureaucracy the cost and job duties.

Turner said they need to get some of the public to send in letters to the papers in support of an ombudsperson. He also believes there is a big problem with the city getting things done. Rebecca feels the city staff is doing everything but because of the growth they are not able to keep up with everything.

Ken said at the next meeting they need to start getting all the information together for the final report which would include the county stats, city stats, all the agendas and minutes with appendixes attached and any newspaper articles.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSION COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.