

The Special meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on December 30, 2014 at the McGill Senior/Community Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman  
Mike Borovansky, Member  
Ed Dubrutz, Member  
Anne Schroeder, Member

Absent Council Member:

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk  
Mike Coster, County Commissioner  
Stacy Laird, Business Rep./McGill Revitalization Assoc.

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Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Member Dubrutz led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Chairman Winder noted that at the last Town Council meeting, there was not a quorum present. It was necessary to pay bills before the end of the year, so the Council called for a special.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

There were no comments at this time.

SELECTION OF DATE FOR SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET:

The secretary reported that she e-mailed the County Finance Director and received a response that she will be available on all Tuesdays in February to attend a budget workshop.

It was the consensus of the Council to set the Budget Workshop for February 24, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

The Council directed the secretary to notify Elizabeth Francis of the date and time of the Budget Workshop.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record.

Dirt Works (removal of broken street light)	\$1,040.00
Linnell Electric (street light inventory)	\$2,571.80
Alert-All Corp (fire prevention promotion materials)	\$ 459.00
Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 12.83
OPI (copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99
Bradley's Bestway Market (Christmas candy & oranges)	\$ 145.44

Council Member Dubrutz inquired about the repair of the street light that had been struck by a car.

Council Chairman Winder explained that the vehicle that struck the pole was covered under insurance; if there should be confusion on payment, the invoices will also be provided to the County Insurance Pool, which has \$1000 deductible. Copies of all invoices are being forwarded to the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, and insurance company. Dirt Works hauled away the damaged light pole and cement pillar. Linnell Electric is having to have a matching light pole custom built.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve the above listed bills for payment.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

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Council Member Schroeder explained that the Christmas tree that had been stored at the Center has been chewed up by mice. V & S Variety has a 7 foot pre lit Christmas tree for \$150. There is a possibility that V & S will place their trees on sale and she would like permission to purchase a new tree for the Center.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to authorize the purchase of a new Christmas 7 foot pre lit tree.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present

It was reported that Jennifer Farnworth, WPC IT Specialist, inspected the internet connections at the McGill office and the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center. She explained that the splitter box in the Library Computer Lab has a short. She could order the part at a cost of \$100. She would have to order the splitter box for the McGill Town Council, the Council would have to pay for the part; then the Council would need to decide if they wished to request the Library reimburse for the expense.

It was the consensus of the Council to authorize the secretary to have the County IT Specialist order the necessary parts and install them.

#### POSSIBLE SELECTION OF CUSTODIAN FOR COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER:

Council Chairman Winder explained that McGill had only received one application for the position of Custodian to clean the Senior/Community Center. The applicant recently notified the Council explaining that she would not be available for the next few months due to planned surgery. She withdrew her application pending the outcome of her surgery.

Council Chairman Winder entertained a motion to re-advertise the position of Custodian at the McGill Senior/Community Center until the end of February. Schedule interviews and possible hire of the Custodian at the March meeting.

Council Member Borovansky moved on the motion, and Council Member Dubrutz seconded.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner, Mike Coster, addressed the Council reading the following letter into the record:

“RE: Standard Market – for public comment.

Dear Council Members:

Like you, I am without explanation for Chairman Lampros’s letter to the owners of the Standard Market building which was or is the subject of a Nuisance Order issued by the White Pine County Commission.

I am aware that your letter of inquiry, asking 1/ why the Nuisance Order decision of the Commission was considered for rescission, 2/ not apparently rescinded, and 3/ under what authority the Chairman’s letter was issued. I was present at the Commission meeting, yet recall (as reflected in the minutes) that the issue of rescinding the Nuisance Order was tabled, not approved.

To my knowledge no action was taken to research and reply to your letter. As your liaison, I would like to pursue this on your behalf. In order to reinforce your concerns before the new County Commission, I request that this Council write a follow up letter to the new Chairman (yet to be determined) with a copy to the new District Attorney Michael Wheable, reminding them of your outstanding questions.

I appreciate your consideration and the opportunity to continue as your Commission liaison.

Sincerely, Mike Coster”

Council Chairman Winder noted that the McGill Town Council is going to go away. This has been an ongoing issue for about 23 years, the Council is committed to pursue this, and he feels that the individual signing that rescinding letter needs to be held accountable. He would like the letter prepared as soon as possible with copies going to the BOCC, DA, and Attorney General.

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Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

Stacy Laird, representing the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, explained that they will be suspending with their Friday night activities for the next several months.

The secretary reported that she received an e-mail from Mr. & Mrs. Bulloch stating that they are re-assessing their time schedule to open a coffee house in McGill.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the special meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.