

Town of Mount Airy
Council Meeting
December 7th, 2015 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Gary E. Morris Councilmember McAllister
 Councilmember Adam Tullis Councilmember Linda Hughes
 Councilmember Bobby Ayers Councilmember McCoy
 Clerk Sheri Berrong Chief Corey Allen

- Mayor Morris called to order the regular scheduled council meeting, Councilmember McCoy then led the invocation and pledge.
- Agenda was amended to add the following items: discussion of radio fees owed to Habersham County, discussion of maintenance agreement with Ansley Communication. Motion made by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- Councilmember McCoy made a motion to amend the minutes from the October 26th, 2015 regular council meeting. Correction will be made at presented again at a later time.
- During Public Comments, Mr. Ray Benifield addressed the Mayor and Council, introducing himself as a candidate for the State Senate.
- During department reports, Chief Allen gave the following updates: reminded everyone about Christmas in Mt. Airy, taking place December 8th, reported a drop in revenue in GCIC but reported that's typical of this time of year and should recover after the beginning of the year. Also reported that several leaks had been repaired, a new saw was purchased (large enough to cut a six inch pipe), and over 500,000 gallons of water was purchased from the City of Cornelia to compensate for water loss while leaks were located and repaired. He reminded the mayor and council of the need to purchase a trash/sump pump for future use.
- Clerk Berrong presented a new business license application from Warrior Mechanical, HVAC repair and maintenance. Councilmember McCoy made a motion to approve the business license application for Warrior Mechanical, effective January 1, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McAllister, passed with all in favor.
- Next, Clerk Berrong presented the 2016 Alcohol License renewals. All renewal applications are in order with the exception of Ivy Mountain Distillery, who was waiting to broker a deal with a new distributor before obtaining her State license. Councilmember McAllister made a motion to approve all licenses, with a contingency for Ivy Mountain Distillery to be effective once a copy of their State license is received. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor. Licenses approved for the following: 123 Bottle Shoppe, Four Oaks Package Store, Lake Russel 1 Stop Convenience, Mount Airy Express and Mt. Airy Package. Conditional license approval for Ivy Mountain Distillery.
- Mayor Morris opened the discussion regarding the radio maintenance fees due to Habersham County. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Tullis made a motion to pay radio maintenance fees due to Habersham County for the period 7/1/15 to 6/30/16. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McAllister, passed with all in favor.
- The next item for discussion was the maintenance agreement with Ansley Communications covering all Town computer equipment, all anti-virus subscriptions, quarterly maintenance on all machines. There was an increase over the previous year's contract price, due to additional equipment being added. After a brief discussion, Councilmember McAllister made a motion to approve the agreement, subject to Mayor Morris' negotiations. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.

- Next, council discussed repairing our LS160 skid steer for approximately \$6,000 vs. purchasing a 277B from Gary Hunter. Councilmember McCoy informed the council that Gary Hunter would sell his 277B for the price of \$18,000 and take our LS160 as a trade, to be paid \$9,000 in 30 days, \$9,000. After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to purchase the Skid steer 277B from Gary Hunter for the price of \$18,000 and our LS160 as a trade. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McAllister, passed with a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Tullis opposing.
- Clerk Berrong then made the first presentation of the FY2016 budget, as follows:

GCIC	\$385,000
WATER	\$359,000
GENERAL	\$314,800

Mayor Morris encouraged the council to review the budget closely and bring any questions or suggested changes.

- Mayor Morris then opened the discussion regarding progress at the Old Schoolhouse. Copies of proposals from three pest control contractors were shared and discussed. Cliff Baird from Compass Pest Control was present to answer questions regarding their proposal. No action was taken at this time regarding pest control services. Mayor Morris then reported the RFP for electrical had been prepared and answered. A total of four bids were received and they were briefly reviewed. Councilmember McAllister made a motion to authorize a committee of Mayor Morris, Councilmember Tullis and Councilmember McCoy to negotiate and approve a contract for electrical services at the Old Schoolhouse, not to exceed \$21,000. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor. Next item discussed was the need for an elevator, an RFP will be prepared and posted as soon as possible. Other various items were discussed but no further action was taken.

With no other business to discuss, Councilmember Ayers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.

Mayor Gary E. Morris

Councilmember Mike McCoy

Councilmember Adam Tullis

Councilmember Ray McAllister

Councilmember Bobby Ayers

Councilmember Linda Hughes