

**Town of West Yellowstone**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2015**  
**West Yellowstone Town Hall, 440 Yellowstone Avenue**

**6:00 PM**  
**WORK SESSION AGENDA**

- Resort Tax Ordinance
- Penalties
  - Tax-Exempt Payers
  - Auditing

Discussion ∞

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**7:30 PM**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

- Pledge of Allegiance  
Purchase Orders  
Treasurer's Report/Securities Report  
Claims ∞  
Consent Agenda: **February 17, 2015, Town Council Meeting** ∞  
Business License Applications  
Advisory Board Report(s)  
Operations Manager & Department Head Reports  
Assignments Report  
**Comment Period**
- **Public Comment**
  - **Council Comments**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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Resort Tax Penalties Reduction Request

Discussion/Action

**NEW BUSINESS**

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West Yellowstone Aquatic Center

Discussion/Action

Letter to the Editor of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle

Discussion/Action ∞

Correspondence/FYI

- HB 262, Resort Tax Increase, Current Status ∞

Meeting Reminders



**Policy No. 16 (Abbreviated)**  
**Policy on Public Hearings and Conduct at Public Meetings**

Public Hearing/Public Meeting

A public hearing is a formal opportunity for citizens to give their views to the Town Council for consideration in its decision making process on a specific issue. At a minimum, a public hearing shall provide for submission of both oral and written testimony for and against the action or matter at issue.

Oral Communication

It is the Council's goal that citizens resolve their complaints for service or regarding employees' performance at the staff level. However, it is recognized that citizens may from time to time believe it is necessary to speak to Town Council on matters of concern. Accordingly, Town Council expects any citizen to speak in a civil manner, with due respect for the decorum of the meeting, and with due respect for all persons attending.

- No member of the public shall be heard until recognized by the presiding officer.
- Public comments related to non-agenda items will only be heard during the Public Comment portion of the meeting unless the issue is a Public Hearing. Public comments specifically related to an agenda item will be heard immediately prior to the Council taking up the item for deliberation.
- Speakers must state their name for the record.
- Any citizen requesting to speak shall limit him or herself to matters of fact regarding the issue of concern.
- Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes unless prior approval by the presiding officer.
- If a representative is elected to speak for a group, the presiding officer may approve an increased time allotment.
- If a response from the Council or Board is requested by the speaker and cannot be made verbally at the Council or Board meeting, the speaker's concerns should be addressed in writing within two weeks.
- Personal attacks made publicly toward any citizen, council member, or town employees are not allowed. Citizens are encouraged to bring their complaints regarding employee performance through the supervisory chain of command.

Any member of the public interrupting Town Council proceedings, approaching the dais without permission, otherwise creating a disturbance, or failing to abide by these rules of procedure in addressing Town Council, shall be deemed to have disrupted a public meeting and, at the direction of the presiding officer, shall be removed from the meeting room by Police Department personnel or other agent designated by Town Council or Operations Manager.

General Town Council Meeting Information

- Regular Town Council meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the West Yellowstone Town Hall, 440 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana.
- Presently, informal Town Council work sessions are held at 12 Noon on Tuesdays and occasionally on other mornings and evenings. Work sessions also take place at the Town Hall located at 440 Yellowstone Avenue.
- The schedule for Town Council meetings and work sessions is detailed on an agenda. The agenda is a list of business items to be considered at a meeting. Copies of agendas are available at the entrance to the meeting room.
- Agendas are published at least 48 hours prior to Town Council meetings and work sessions. Agendas are posted at the Town Offices and at the Post Office. In addition, agendas and packets are available online at the Town's website: [www.townofwestyellowstone.com](http://www.townofwestyellowstone.com). Questions about the agenda may be directed to the Town Clerk at 646-7795.
- Official minutes of Town Council meetings are prepared and kept by the Town Clerk and are reviewed and approved by the Town Council. Copies of approved minutes are available at the Town Clerk's office or on the Town's website: [www.townofwestyellowstone.com](http://www.townofwestyellowstone.com).

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| 40710     | 2575 WY Tourism Business Improvement | 9,665.08     |         |        |               |        |      |         |      |
| 03/01/15  | January 2015 collections             | 9,665.08     |         | TBID   | 2102 411800   | 540    |      | 101000  |      |
| 40715     | 2852 Fremont Communications          | 300.00       |         |        |               |        |      |         |      |
| 03/15/15  | fiber optic, Town Hall               | 300.00       |         | TWNHAL | 1000 411250   | 345    |      | 101000  |      |
| 40716     | 42 Fall River Electric               | 10,163.05    |         |        |               |        |      |         |      |
| 02/13/15  | UPDH 4212041 elec service            | 926.81       |         | UPDH   | 1000 411252   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | POLICE 4212008 elec service          | 454.32       |         | POLICE | 1000 411258   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | shop 4212018 elec service            | 345.19       |         | STREET | 1000 430200   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | ANIMAL 4212029 elec serv             | 377.47*      |         | ANIMAL | 1000 440600   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | PARK 4212032 Elec ser                | 240.21       |         | PARK   | 1000 411253   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | PARK 2901001 elec serv               | 152.63       |         | PARK   | 1000 411253   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | CLORINATOR 4212030 elec serv         | 70.08*       |         | WATER  | 5210 430500   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | MAD ADD WATER 4212017                | 45.10*       |         | WATER  | 5210 430500   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | PUMP 4212005 elec serv               | 236.35*      |         | WATER  | 5210 430500   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | SEWER LIFT STATION 4212006           | 519.52*      |         | SEWER  | 5310 430600   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | SEWER PLANT 4212007 elec ser         | 1,185.12*    |         | SEWER  | 5310 430600   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | MAD SEWER LIFT 4212014 elec          | 186.65*      |         | SEWER  | 5310 430600   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | SEWER TREAT SERV 4212046 ele         | 2,881.78*    |         | SEWER  | 5310 430600   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | library 23 dunraven 4212054          | 133.70       |         | LIBRY  | 2220 460120   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | povah comm ctr 4212001               | 266.04       |         | POVAH  | 1000 411255   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | unmetered lights 4212004             | 1,451.25     |         | STLITE | 1000 430263   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | Town Hall 4212009                    | 548.24       |         | TWNHAL | 1000 411250   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 02/13/15  | Ice Rink 421010                      | 142.59       |         | PARKS  | 1000 411253   | 341    |      | 101000  |      |
| 40724     | 999999 ARDEN E. SELLARS              | 5.00         |         |        |               |        |      |         |      |
| 02/23/15  | refund overpayment 2014-124          | 5.00         |         | COURT  | 7469 212401   |        |      | 101000  |      |
| 40725     | 2894 Brannon & Brannon Psychological | 400.00       |         |        |               |        |      |         |      |
| 02/23/15  | psych exam, Police candidate         | 400.00       |         | POLICE | 1000 420100   | 357    |      | 101000  |      |
| 40726     | 1344 Postmaster                      | 220.00       |         |        |               |        |      |         |      |
| 02/20/15  | mail permit, annual renewal          | 220.00       |         | FINADM | 1000 410510   | 311    |      | 101000  |      |
| 40727     | 1989 A&E Architects, P.C.            | 1,200.00     |         |        |               |        |      |         |      |
| 104601003 | 02/18/15 UPDL windows #2, final pmt  | 1,200.00*    |         | UPDL   | 4000 411240   | 929    |      | 101000  |      |
| 40728     | 2621 MDT                             | 11,000.00    |         |        |               |        |      |         |      |
| 150       | 02/19/15 Lagoon Lease 2015           | 11,000.00    |         | SEWER  | 5310 430600   | 532    |      | 101000  |      |

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| 40729 | 951 Barnes & Noble<br>2968666 02/10/15 books  | 49.58<br>49.58   |         | LIB                                    | 2220 460100  | 215                                    | 101000   |
| 40730 | 2895 Scott Newell<br>reimb moving expenses  | 681.93<br>681.93   |         |  | 1000 410210  | 870                                    | 101000   |
| 40731 | 2586 Waxie Sanitary Supply<br>75098340 02/13/15 custodial supplies  | 1,496.56<br>1,496.56   |         | PARKS                                  | 1000 460430  | 220                                    | 101000   |
| 40732 | 1928 Michele DesRochers<br>02/15/15 reimb meals, Gardiner   | 76.00<br>76.00   |         | DISPAT                                 | 1000 420160  | 370                                    | 101000   |
| 40733 | 1934 Brenda Martin<br>02/15/15 reimb meals, Gardiner  | 76.00<br>76.00   |         | DISPAT                                 | 1000 420160  | 370                                    | 101000   |
| 40734 | 2654 Community Health Partners<br>02/04/15 drug test  | 25.00<br>25.00   |         | STREET                                 | 1000 430200  | 357                                    | 101000   |
| 40735 | 254 Firehole Fill Up/Economart<br>01/31/15 fuel   | 356.63<br>356.63   |         | STREET                                 | 1000 430200  | 231                                    | 101000   |
| 40736 | 2823 STAPLES Credit Plan<br>02/02/15 Vizio 42<br>02/05/15 supplies<br>02/07/15 supplies   | 549.51<br>268.39<br>52.37<br>228.75  |         | DISPAT<br>DISPAT<br>FINADM             | 1000 420160<br>1000 420230<br>1000 410510  | 212<br>220<br>220                      | 101000<br>101000<br>101000                               |
| 40737 | 999999 DAYNE SCOTT MILLER<br>02/26/15 bond refund #0001129 A<br>02/26/15 bond refund #0001130 B<br>02/26/15 bond refund #0001131 C  | 1,415.00<br>415.00<br>500.00<br>500.00                                       |         | COURT<br>COURT<br>COURT                | 7469 212401<br>7469 212401<br>7469 212401  |  | 101000<br>101000<br>101000                               |
| 40738 | 171 Montana Food Bank Network<br>43770-1 02/18/15 potatoes  | 21.00<br>21.00   |         | HELP                                   | 7010 450135  | 220                                    | 101000   |
| 40739 | 2896 Montana Occupational Health<br>3002 02/23/15 Kearney, exam   | 851.00<br>851.00   |         | POLICE                                 | 1000 420100  | 351                                    | 101000   |
| 40740 | 2893 Wild Bill Productions, LLC<br>100 02/04/15 Townsquare Bozeman<br>02/05/15 Riverbend, advertising<br>02/05/15 Townsquare Billings<br>01/26/15 KBZK ads<br>106725169 01/26/15 Bozeman billboard<br>49611411 02/03/15 SnowWest ad | 7,404.25<br>1,223.25<br>1,300.00<br>2,031.00<br>1,700.00<br>350.00<br>800.00 |         | MAP<br>MAP<br>MAP<br>MAP<br>MAP<br>MAP | 2101 410130<br>2101 410130<br>2101 410130<br>2101 410130<br>2101 410130<br>2101 410130 | 398<br>398<br>398<br>398<br>398<br>398 | 101000<br>101000<br>101000<br>101000<br>101000<br>101000 |

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| 40741 |        | 29 Terrell's Office Machines Inc   |                           | 539.37                  |           |         |               |             |                 |
|       | 289935 | 10/01/14 copier contract + overage |                           | 539.37                  |           | SOCSEER | 1000 450135   | 357         | 101000          |
|       |        | # of Claims                        | 21                        | Total:                  | 46,494.96 |         |               |             |                 |



WEST YELLOWSTONE TOWN COUNCIL  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**February 17, 2015**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brad Schmier, Jerry Johnson, John Costello, Cole Parker, Greg Forsythe

OTHERS PRESENT: Operations Manager Becky Guay, Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek, Public Services Superintendent James Patterson, Chief of Police Scott Newell, Town Attorney Jane Mersen, WY News Editor Jeremy Weber, Glenn Hales, Lynette West, Doug Buskirk, Sandi Pepler, Head Dispatcher Brenda Martin, Fire Chief Shane Grube, Brian Gallik, Mike & Gayle Gavagan, Richard & Teri Gibson, Scott & Deborah Clark, multiple other members of the community

The meeting is called to order by Mayor Brad Schmier at 7:00 PM in the West Yellowstone Town Hall, 440 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana.

Portions of the meeting are being recorded.

The Treasurer's Report with corresponding banking transactions is on file at the Town Offices for public review during regular business hours.

**ACTION TAKEN**

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- 1) Motion carried to approve the claims which total \$86,423.00. (Costello, Parker)
- 2) Motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of the February 3, 2015 Town Council Meeting and February 10, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting. (Forsythe, Costello)
- 3) Motion carried to approve the new business license application for Lynette M. West to operate a therapy office. (Johnson, Forsythe)
- 4) Motion carried to award the appraisal contract to Joel Peterson in the amount of \$2500. (Costello, Parker) Johnson and Forsythe are opposed, motion passes.
- 5) Motion carried to table request from Hales and schedule a work session to reevaluate the penalty process and the request from Hales. (Johnson, Parker)
- 6) Motion not proceed with the process to provide the WY Aquatic Center a revisionary deed on (Block 32 or a portion thereof) and prepare a MOU to be agreed to by May 5, 2015. (Forsythe, Parker) Schmier, Costello, Johnson are opposed, motion fails.
- 7) Motion carried to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley to apply for USDA 523 Self Help Rehabilitation funding to continue housing efforts in West Yellowstone. (Johnson, Parker)
- 8) Motion carried to authorize the Mayor to sign the Representation Letter to Amatics, CPA, accepting their findings of the FY 2014 audit. (Costello, Forsythe)
- 9) Motion carried that the employment agreement between the Town and Guay, scheduled to expire April 23, 2015 be allowed to expire. (Costello, Forsythe) Johnson and Schmier are opposed, motion passes.
- 10) Motion carried to offer Operations Manager Becky Guay an employment contract for a period of 120 days, starting April 24, 2015. (Schmier, Johnson) Costello, Parker, and Forsythe are opposed, motion fails.
- 11) Motion carried to direct the Town staff to begin the process as soon as possible to advertise that the position of the Town's Operations Manager as of April 24, 2015 and that the Town is currently accepting applications for this position of employment. (Costello, Forsythe) Motion is unanimous.

**Public Comment Period**

No public comment is received.

**Council Comments**

Parker says that he also talked to Glen Loomis about House Bill 262. He says the bill has passed the House and has been passed to the Senate taxation committee. Loomis said that representation from the Town on the hill would be beneficial. He also suggested that the Mayor and Town Council write a letter to the Chronicle thanking Kerry White for carrying the bill, even though he is a Republican and generally does not support raising taxes. Forsythe says that their original resolution supported infrastructure and historical preservation and suggests that they seek legal expertise to determine whether the additional 1% could be spent on infrastructure as the Town's resolution originally intended. Schmier says that he believes the bill, as written, only allows using the additional money for historical preservation or workforce housing.

- A) **Advisory Board Reports:** Patterson says that the Planning Board has been meeting and is working on revising the Growth Policy. He says that they anticipate having that ready by this summer. Council Member Johnson inquires when that must be adopted. Roos responds that it must be adopted by 2016. Forsythe says that he attending a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting in Bozeman on February 4, 2015. He says that the County and the City of Bozeman are trying to work together to build a new building, but it was interesting to observe that they don't always get along, either.
  
  - B) **Operations Manager/Department Head Reports:** Guay reports that HB 262 has passed the House and moved to the Senate, the bill that would allow an additional 1% of resort tax funds to be collected for historical preservation or workforce housing. She also reports that interviews for police officers were conducted last week and went very well. They are progressing to the next step in the process. She reports that the altitude valve at the water tank has been repaired by Public Services Superintendent James Patterson and the flooding across the ski trails has been stopped. Guay reports that the roof on the north side of the building is leaking considerably. The architect and contractor are attempting to work out who is responsible, but it is a serious problem. Buffalo Restoration is now on-site to repair the significant damage and measured 80% moisture in some of the walls. Public Services Superintendent James Patterson adds that the snow has been completely cleared from the streets due to the recent warm weather. Chief of Police Scott Newell says things are going well in the Police Department.
- 1) Forsythe abstains from Claim #40705 to Westmart Building Center.
  
  - 2) Roos explains minor language changes made to the minutes as recommended by Town Engineer Dick Dyer and noting the fact that Dyer was present at the meeting.
  
  - 4) The Council discusses the appraisal for the Emergency Services Building. Schmier says that they should discuss whether to proceed with the appraisal and, if so, which appraiser to hire. Costello says that he has worked with both of the commercial appraisers and recommends them both. Schmier says that he read the appraisal contract and it is not clear that Peterson's contract is only for the building, that the land will remain public. Guay says that they can clarify that with the appraiser, but that was discussed with him. Parker clarifies that the Fire Department has made it clear that \$200,000 is what they are willing to pay for the building. Parker questions whether they are in favor of selling the building and mentions that community members has asked him why they are considering an appraisal if they are not certain they are willing to sell. Johnson says his opinion has not changed and he is still not in favor of selling the building. The Council debates the issue and ultimately votes to order the appraisal.
  
  - 5) Schmier explains that they have a request for a reduction of penalties by Glenn Hales on behalf of the Yellowstone IMAX Theatre, Yellowstone Trading Post, and Buffalo Crossing RV Park. Glenn Hales explains that they made an error between two

bookkeepers and the payments were made as soon as he was made aware of the error. The penalties they were assessed for four months of delinquency, which was just shy of \$5200. Forsythe asks how much tax was owed. Gospodarek answers that she cannot share that information about a business, but Hales says he is willing. He says the amount of tax that was owed was just over \$21,000. Hales distributes a summary of how the other resort towns or resort tax communities in Montana address penalties and late payment notifications. He emphasizes that the penalties charged by the Town of West Yellowstone are substantially higher than what is charged by the other communities. He also points out that the other communities send reminders to businesses that miss payments much more frequently. Hales says that he understands that it is the responsibility of the business to pay the taxes, but he thinks it is unreasonable that the Town charges 120% per annum every month and sends out reminders much less frequently. He compares the Town's procedures specifically to Red Lodge, the community that collects the most amount of tax second only to West Yellowstone but only charges 34% per annum and sends out reminder letters within 10 days of a late payment. Hales says that he understands that extreme laws are sometimes necessary to ensure compliance, but he encourages the Council to review and revise the current ordinance. He says that the Town should not punish the businesses that collect the tax and recommend that they take a more cooperative approach with the businesses. Johnson says that the original resort tax ordinance did not have much "teeth" and the Council grew tired of not being able to collect. A new ordinance was passed in 2006 which provided even more strict penalties, which was revised in 2007 to not penalize small businesses at the same level as large businesses.

- 6) Mayor Schmier says that the Town has been considering a request from Scott Clark on behalf of the Community Aquatic Center to donate land to build the facility. Schmier asks for public comment. Terri Gibson says the project is a good idea but advises the Town to lease the land but do not deed the land. Richard Gibson says he thinks it is a bad idea to deed the land, not as bad of an idea to lease it, but he does not have faith in the project and feels the Town will end up stuck with the building. Schmier says that he has not heard from the public that they support the Town giving away land for this project. He says that he has heard people say they would love to have an aquatic center, but he has not heard support for giving away a very large parcel of land. He says that he is concerned that this project does not have a viable business plan and will end up on the backs of the taxpayers, whether through the school or the Town. Costello says that he does not support deeding or leasing the land. He says that he will support a resolution that outlines what the WY Aquatic Center will do over the next five years and if that is accomplished, then they will provide the land. Doug Buskirk says that he thinks giving away land sets a very bad precedent, whether to a non-profit or not. Scott Clark says that there is no way this project will become a burden to the taxpayers, that he will be responsible. He says that the IRS requires him to maintain an endowment to support the project and a destruction account. He says that as soon as they try to touch the endowment to pay their bills, they must dissolve and ensure that they do not leave a debt to the Town or the school. Schmier says they hear what he is saying, but is not familiar with the IRS laws he is referring to. Johnson agrees and says they have never seen anything in writing that documents what Clark is saying. Town Attorney Jane Mersen says that she was working on the dissolution of a 501c3 today and she is not familiar with the laws Clark is referring to. Schmier reiterates that he has not heard support from the public to donate a parcel of land. The Council considers holding a public hearing or public meeting to gauge support for the proposal. Johnson says that Clark has told them that a resolution like that described by Costello is not sufficient. Clark has said that he needs a deed or lease to actively raise money for the project. Costello says he does not believe that and says that he thinks they can pass a resolution to provide the land within five years if Clark can raise the money. Johnson says that he thinks the Council can agree to a resolution of that nature, he is not sure he will vote for it, but that may be something the Council can agree to. The Council considers preparing such a resolution for a future meeting. Schmier says that he still needs to hear support from more people.

- 7) Mayor Schmier explains that Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley, Inc. has requested support from the Town for technical assistance funding from the USDA 523, Mutual Self Help Rehabilitation program.
- 8) Forsythe asks about the payroll error where an employee was not paid for eight hours and the value of that error is over \$7,000. Gospodarek explains that is an extrapolated number, meaning the auditors have to project the possible liability of such an error. She also says that she will share the email from the auditor that explains how that number is calculated.

**Operations Manager Performance Evaluation**

Operations Manager Becky Guay indicates that she would prefer that her evaluation be closed to the public. Mayor Schmier agrees and closes the meeting. The Council, Guay, Guay's attorney Brian Gallik and Town Attorney Jane Mersen remain. (8:40 PM)

The meeting reconvenes, 9:40 PM.

- 9) Mayor Schmier explains that the current contract for Operations Manager expires April 23, 2015. Mayor Schmier asks for public comments, no public comment is received. Following the motion, Johnson says that he and Schmier did discuss with Guay at one time that she may want to consider staying on staff to help the Town through the hiring process. Johnson asks Guay if she is interested in that option. Guay says she would have to think about it and isn't ready to answer that right now. The Council and Guay discuss the possibility of renewing her contract, possibly for a shorter length of time.

**CORRESPONDENCE/FYI**

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Dated February 9, 2015, Mayor Schmier signed a letter to the State Legislature, at the request of the Montana League of Cities & Towns, supporting a local option impact authority bill. Also included in the packet was a summary prepared by Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek after contacting all the other resort tax towns and communities in the state to determine what items are taxed and specific exemptions. Johnson mentions the water quality letter that recently went out with the Town water bills. Johnson emphasizes that users of the system had to read most of the letter to understand the water is fine and there is nothing they need to worry about.

The meeting is adjourned. (10:00 PM)

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

February 26, 2015

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Town of West Yellowstone, I want to recognize Representative Kerry White, Montana House District 64, for assisting our community. West Yellowstone often feels like it is a long way from the rest of Gallatin County and we are grateful for his support. Due to our remote location and heavy reliance on tourism, the resort tax is vital for mitigating the impacts of tourism. Representative White agreed to sponsor a bill in the current legislature that would allow resort tax communities to vote to raise the tax by 1% to fund historic preservation or workforce housing. The bill, HB 262, has been passed the House and is currently under consideration by the Senate taxation committee.

The Town of West Yellowstone would appreciate any additional support for HB 262 and thanks Representative White for his efforts to support us.

Mayor Brad Schmier  
Town of West Yellowstone

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# Montana Legislature

## Action Details

2015 January  
Regular



The Legislature is on transmittal break. The Legislature will convene on the 46th legislative day, Thursday March 5, 2015, at 1:00 PM.

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**Bill Draft Number:** LC1860

**Bill Type - Number:** [HB 262](#)

**Action:** (S) Hearing Canceled

**Date:** 02/24/2015

**Hearing Room:**

**Hearing Time:**

**Committee:** [\(S\) Taxation](#)

**Votes Yes:**

**Votes No:**

**Action Comments:** Hearing was scheduled for 03/06

**Report Number:**

**Hearing Cancelled Date:** 06-MAR-15

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