

McPherson College selects new president

Michael P. Schneider, a 1996 graduate of McPherson College, was selected in February 2009 as the 14th president of McPherson College. Mr. Schneider is the husband of Kandee Krien Schneider, formerly of Bird City.



Schneider

Mr. Schneider was inaugurated as the new president at a ceremony held at the college on Saturday, Nov. 7. The new president graduated cum laude from McPherson with a bachelor's degree in communications. He also received a master of business administration degree from the University of Denver in 2001.

For the past seven years, he has served the college in several roles. He began in 2002 as Director of Career Services. He later became the Vice President of Advancement and, in 2007, added the Vice President of Admissions responsibilities. Through his leadership the college experienced a growth in gifts and

enrollment figures grew to a 30-year high.

Mr. Schneider also led the effort to redefine McPherson College as a career-oriented liberal arts college, including the establishment of a student-intern program that now sees the college partnering with more than 500 companies to provide learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

Before returning to his alma mater, he worked for Summit Publishing, a full-service publishing company in Englewood, Colo., that specializes in multiple industries. He was responsible for leadership and management of all day-to-day operations.

Mr. Schneider is a very active community and church member and also serves as board member and general partner in two outside companies in the energy sector. He and his wife, Kandee, who graduated in 1995, enjoy raising their two daughters, Hayden and Perrin, in the McPherson community.

His focus for McPherson College consists of three goals for the campus community: recruit more great students, raise more gifts to support the growth, and improve teaching and learning every day.



FIFTH STREET APARTMENTS are coming along and will soon be ready for occupants.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Council discusses water safety reports

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The City Council November meeting covered a number of important issues beginning with an update on the water safety reports and approved the Century II Development Foundation's Business Incentive Program presented by Cathy Domsch, executive director Century II Development Foundation.

Following an executive session, motion carried to approve the hiring of Eric Bartels for the Bird City city maintenance position. Mr. Bartels will start on Nov. 23.

Mayor Troy Burr accepted the resignation of Councilman Ray Magnani. In the letter Mr. Magnani express regret having to resign; however, due to a cancer diagnoses for his wife Carrie, he needed to be with his family as she goes through the chemotherapy. He expressed that he felt he has not been able to do the job expected and enjoyed the time he has served on the council.

Water report
Brad Schneider, city supervisor, reported that since last month's meeting when he announced a positive water sample for coli form, he has taken several samples from different site areas in the city and has not received a positive report on any. He added the conclusion he received from Kansas Department of Health and Environment that it was an isolated location.

Mr. Schneider told the council that he will be taking the necessary actions to clean up the site. He added that he will be changing the water sample routes to get a wider and more diversified range for testing.

"I know the residents are concerned about the safety of our water," said Mr. Schneider. "And I am working to make sure it is."

He told the council he recently passed the Kansas Department of Health and Environment certification for Class I Water Systems Operator and will be taking the Waste-water Certification test on Nov. 18. Brownfields

Mrs. Domsch wanted to clarify the application process for the Brownfields through Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

She had followed up with answering the questions from the council's October meeting by saying the property that is eligible for the Brownfield program cannot not be owned by Bird City, adding that all the property owner needs is the City's support and other organizations. In addition, telling the members that supporters are not attached to the applicant in any way.

"City and community support is all the applicant needs," said Mrs. Domsch. "And lots and lots of support letters."

Furthermore, if there proved to be any contaminate in or on the applicant's property, there is a clean water fund if owner is unable to pay and qualifies.

Members agreed to write a letter of support, on a case by case basis, for potential applicants who are beginning the steps to clean up their properties for businesses.

Mrs. Domsch said that she will be contacting the property owners who have been interested in the Brownfields project.

Business Incentive Program
Mrs. Domsch presented to the members a business incentive plan for new and expanding businesses.

The plan was developed with many incentives, local and state. It spelled out financing options and general eligibility requirements.

She mentioned that the plan de-

velopment began about a year and half ago and there has been a lot of research done.

Mrs. Domsch summarized the plan and told the members it is not a grant, and applicants must meet the general eligibility requirements.

Council discussed many incentives that were being proposed, employment incentives, school-aged children incentives, and perks like paying for trash removal for one year up to \$300. In addition, cash incentives can be earned for maintaining an employee base and working to create a successful business.

"Bird City has a lot to offer and this plan is for not everyone," said Mrs. Domsch. "But will all the incentives being offered, who knows, there maybe one option that is the deciding factor to someone."

Kevin Berens, city attorney, mentioned using language that will keep the plan flexible to update when needed. Motion carried to move ahead with the business plan.

It was discussed forming a Decision Making Committee and Mayor Burr suggested having a committee made up of a council member, someone from the community and himself. Motion carried for form a committee.

Golf cart ordinance
Mr. Berens briefly spoke on the traffic ordinance that would address all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, light utility trucks, and other slow moving vehicles.

He said a 2009 ordinance will combine those vehicles and will be released soon, and the council can then review the policy for approval.

The ordinance would include "slow moving" emblems on the above mentioned, except the golf carts which will need lights on the

back. Drivers would not need licenses; however, registration would be required. Helmets would have to be worn for 18 and under, and eye protection, goggles, must be worn by everyone. In addition, a liability insurance option may be in the new traffic ordinance.

Councilman Sager mentioned it is known in town that several minors do drive golf carts and all-terrain vehicles for various reasons. However, they have been mindful of the speed restriction law of 25 miles per hour and are careful drivers and 99 percent of the town's residents do not mind if they drive their vehicles within the city limits. No further discussion.

Landowner dispute
Mr. Berens told the council he was in the process of working with two landowners to come to an agreement to provide access to a piece of property to clean it up.

The property is on the furthest southeast corner of Bird City and belongs to the Hoyt family, and an access road through Ted Partch's land is needed to get the equipment to the property. He will be contacting lawyers on both sides to reach a resolution.

Miscellaneous items
Other issues discussed were:
• Building permit approved for Ned Johnson's chain linked fence.
• Piling the snow somewhere else besides in front of 4th St. and Bird Ave. stop sign.
• Providing a place for unleashed dogs.
• DeAnza Ambrosier, city clerk, providing a list of names of residents who may provide temporary shelter for unleashed dogs.

Next meeting scheduled for Dec. 7.

Boxes to be picked up

The Support Our Soldiers collection boxes will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Anyone who has plans to contribute needs to place their items in one of the marked boxes in town. In St. Francis boxes are located at the St. Francis Post Office, Saintry Super's and the Hilltop Market. In Bird City, people may take their items to the Hometown Market.

The items collected in Cheyenne County are sent to a collection area where many volunteers spend hours making candy and filling the care packages.

A list of items needed include socks, flashlights, Iodinium AD as they have flu also (generic is fine), tuna, dried fruit, nuts, hard candy, peanut butter, coffee, vitamins, cough drops, knit black wool hats, wool fingerless gloves, wool neckwarmers (must be 100 percent wool because of danger

of fire or explosion), handmade Christmas ornaments, money, pill bottles to make kits of first aid supplies such as Band-Aids, cotton balls, Q-tips, aspirin etc), signed Christmas cards and letters of support.

One of the reasons the volunteers make so much candy is when the care package is opened in Afghanistan by a service man with buddies standing around instead of him feeling guilty because he has something wonderful and homemade there will be enough for him to share, especially if he whips out his knife and slices the candy into pieces.

The Support Our Soldiers program in Cheyenne County is headed by Hulda Dorsch in Bird City and Christy Wurm and the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club in St. Francis. The support of area residents is very appreciated they said.

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