

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on July 16, 2013 at the McGill Community/Senior Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:00 P.M.

The following Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Ed Dubrutz, Member

Absent Council Member:

Mike Borovansky, Member
Sheri Mishler, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk
Mike Coster, County Commissioner
Jerry Morrill
Elinor Blackham, EMT/Volunteer Fire Department
Ian Bulloch, IonoWeb
Elizabeth Bulloch, IonoWeb
Stacy Laird, Business Rep./Revitalization Association
Lee Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Shawn Mays, McGill Volunteer Fire Department
Daniel Willes, McGill Volunteer Fire Department
Richard Willes, McGill Volunteer Fire Department
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Association
Toanna Bunker
Guy Meyer, McGill Volunteer Fire Department
Susan A. Merwin
James C. Park
Bonie Pridemore, McGill Community Activities Com.
Debra Asay, McGill Community Activities Committee
Ed Hinkle

The meeting began on the front porch of the McGill Community/Senior Center where several residents and volunteer organizations gathered to be in attendance. The McGill Boy Scouts, Troop #63, proceeded along a portion of First Street, turned on Avenue K headed down the hill, circled around and continued up the hill toward the McGill Community/Senior Center where they took down the old US Flag for retirement, hung the new US Flag, hung the Nevada Flag, and unveiled the new McGill Flag.

The Council, volunteer organizations, and residents followed the McGill Boy Scout, Troop #63 in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Chairman Winder thanked everyone for their attendance at the Flag Ceremony. Stating that there may be trying times in the world, at times, but this is a free country where people can utilize the political arena, the judicial system, and speak freely; as it is a right given through the Constitution of the United States. He gives thanks to all the volunteer organizations who help make the Town of McGill a place where it is called a community.

The special portion of the McGill Town Council meeting retired from the front porch of the McGill Community/Senior Center, flags were brought into the Center, and the regular portion of the meeting convened inside their Council's meeting chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

Ed Hinkle addressed the Council noting there is an agenda item to adopted a resolution for the Town Council supporting the purchase of merchandise, goods, and services local businesses. He would like to know why McGill is not hiring local bands when they have planned activities.

Debra Asay, McGill Community Activities Committee, explained that she was under the impression that there had been a previous issue about a blown out speaker.

Ed Hinkle explained that was a matter that had been out of his control, but he felt that he needed to speak up.

Debra Asay noted that there appears to be some miscommunication going on.

Council Chairman Winder explained to the audience that the McGill Town Council members have assigned duties, and the Councilperson assigned to community activities is not present at this meeting, so he is unable to answer that question.

Debra Asay stated that she understood that the McGill Community Activities Committee had been asked to help with the Flag Ceremony, but when she arrived there were others serving the punch and cookies.

The secretary explained that she received a phone call the night before the meeting, from a member of the McGill Community Activities Committee, stated that they were not going to be available.

Susan Merwin addressed the Council thanking them for reporting the home on Avenue about the possible fire hazard. The owners cleaned up the property and her neighborhood looks much better.

DONATION TO MCGILL BOY SCOUT TROOP NUMBER 63:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to donate \$100.00 to the McGill Boy Scout, Troop #63 and to send a letter of appreciation to them for their formal participation in preparing the US Flag for retirement, and for hanging the new flags.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TOWN COUNCIL'S PURCHASE OF MERCHANDISE AND SERVICES FROM MCGILL BUSINESSES/MERCHANTS:

Council Chairman Winder read Resolution 2013-001 into the record (see attached).

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to adopt McGill Resolution Number 2013-001.

Council Vice-Chairperson seconded the motion.

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

The secretary was directed to have the Resolution framed to hang on the wall.

CLARIFICATION OF DUTIES OF MCGILL FIRE CHIEF PURSUANT TO NRS269.250 THROUGH NRS269.270, A PROVISION OF CODE 6.04.050 (d), AND WPC FIRE DISTRICT:

Lee Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, addressed the Council explaining there had been a person burning rubbish at the northern end of McGill. Their Fire Department has responded to the fire because they felt that the burning posed a danger to McGill. He later obtained a copy of the White Pine County Code restricting the burning of rubbish.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia read into the record the following provision of the White Pine County Code 6.04.050(d) as follows:

“(1) It is unlawful for any person to burn refuse within the areas defined in Section 6.04.020, except at duly authorized refuse or garbage dumps.”

Council Member Dubrutz inquired if he had called the Sheriff's Office regarding this, and he would like to know if he is certified as an arson investigator.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia answered that he had called the Sheriff's Office, and he is not currently certified as an arson investigator; but he understood that officers are certified, and they do hope to have more firemen certified in the future. After he obtained a copy of the County Code, he did point it out to the other agencies, including the new battalion chief that burning rubbish is not allowed.

Council Chairman Winder thanked the McGill Fire Chief for bringing this matter to the Council's attention.

STATUS REPORT ON MCGILL WEB-PAGE:

Ian Bulloch, IonoWeb, addressed the Council explained that the new McGill computer arrived and he began installing it on Saturday. He also repaired the old McGill computer and placed it in the library. He worked on the computers in the Library, there are 5 computers, but only 2 of them get wireless. He would suggest, if he had access to the basement, he could run a wire and they could have more computers set up for internet. Still the 2 older computers would only be good for games, etc.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby suggested that he visit with her further about that, as it is library business.

Ian Bulloch referred to the Web page that he prepared for the Town Council. The site is receiving visits of which he could provide the Council with those numbers. There was also a maintenance schedule that he had proposed where they could make regular updates.

Council Chairman Winder suggested possibly have the site updated on a quarterly basis. As Chairman, he cannot make a motion, but he would entertain such a motion.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to place the updates for the McGill WebSite on a quarterly basis.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated June 18, 2013.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence mailed or received since the previous meeting was listed as follows:

1. Deposit of funds for firework donation from Melvin D. Ross in the amount of \$100.
2. Letter from the McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water District reminding the board of the watering schedules in McGill.
3. Deposit of funds listing \$195 in donations for the McGill Swimming Pool.
4. Letter from George Giannopoulos regarding Labor Day Fireworks display.
5. Sympathy letter to Woody Robinson.
6. Letter to Jonathan Pay regarding future Gunsmith Shop.
7. Deposit of Funds in the amount of \$33 for Kinneer Library internet.
8. Letter to WPC Finance Director complimenting her staff.
9. Letter to School District regarding possible vandalism.
10. Letter to WPC Sheriff's Office complimenting Alan Pedersen for his Neighborhood Watch assistance.
11. Letter to the Ely Shoshone Tribe regarding recent donation.
12. Welcome letter to new Battalion Chief.
13. Letter of invitation
14. SNPLMA grant projects for McGill.
15. Memo to WPC Finance Director regarding budget augmentation for the purchase of a new computer.
16. Letter from WPC District Attorney advising that Kirsty Pickering is no longer employed with the DA's Office.
17. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$50.00 for the McGill Swimming Pool.

Council Chairman Winder read the cover letter from George Giannopoulos into the record, stating that his 3 page letter to the District Attorney will be incorporated into the minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were read into the record:

Marie's Café	\$ 96.95
(Refreshments for Flag Ceremony)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	9.86
(cups plates for Flag Ceremony)	
V & S Variety	39.53
(decorations for Flag Ceremony)	
OPI	29.99

(monthly copy machine fee)	
Douglas Thurnburg	140.99
(reimbursement for mower)	
Pony Express Service Mart	176.09
(parks gasoline)	
Linnell Electric	635.00
(street light repairs)	
McGill Boy Scouts, Troop #63	100.00
(donation)	
Bath Lumber	38.86
(park supplies)	

Council Vice-Chairperson motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Stacy Laird reported there is a home at First Street and Avenue G that has a trailer full of garbage. This is not a usual occurrence for them, but she will proceed as she feels right.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Ed Hinkle reported there is an extremely vicious dog at the lower section of town, the dog is on a chain, but if it should break free, he would fear for anyone nearby.

Ian Bulloch explained that he walks in the evenings with his dogs on a leash and they have encountered dog situations, but they are changed their walking route to avoid those dogs.

Council Chairman Winder explained that he has also encountered dog situations, whenever he has called the Sheriff's Office, he has always received a prompt response.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

No report given.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that the Council is now entering into their new budget year. Revenue are estimated at \$97,162.00 with projected expenditures of \$112,097.00. There are presently no expenditures to report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Elinor Blackham reported that the McGill EMTs responded to 4 runs so far this month. As always, the Volunteer Fire Department responds as backup for them.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported there is only one light out at the present time, the Council still has a “5 light out” policy before they can call in the repairs. If anyone needs to report any street lights that are out, he would ask that they contact him.

STREET & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that he has driven the streets in McGill, and all appears to look good right now.

CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Council vice-Chairperson Ballandby explained that there is a lot of activities scheduled on Friday nights, but attendance is not as much as they anticipated. She would ask that people spread the word about their activities.

Jarid Russo addressed the Council explaining that he is looking at Friday nights for an activity he would like to start. He would like to hold a “Hip Hop” class on Friday evenings between 4 and 5 p.m. He already has 4 students enrolled for his class.

The Council did not express any objection to his using the Senior/Community Center for the Hip Hop classes, providing it does not interfere with the other activities planned on Friday nights.

Council Chairman Winder explained that, if he should charge for the classes, he would have to return to the Council to set up a rental agreement.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Stacy Laird reported that the Neighborhood Watch did hold their meeting, the officer assigned to the Neighborhood Watch was on vacation, so the meeting did not last very long. There has been some vandalism at the parks where some of the benches were broken.

Brenda McConaha reported that she has witnessed some issues where people are using the car wash area as a public restroom, and there may be some possible drug dealing activities.

It was noted that these situations need to be called in, so law enforcement is aware of the activities.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

The McGill Communities Activities Committee reported they will be holding a Mid Summer BBQ at the Swimming Pool Park for a fundraiser. They would like to borrow some of the tables.

The Council did not express any objection to loaning the tables.

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:

Joni Laird, Revitalization Committee, reported that they were able to earn \$460 during their yard sale at the Ball Park a few weeks ago. Those funds will go toward the Ball Park restorations. Also, they will be meeting with IonoWeb regarding adding a page to McGill's website for their reunion activities.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Ian Bulloch reported that he now has in his possession a building permit for the coffee shop he plans on building. Because of the delays in obtaining the building permit, his grand opening may have to be delayed until spring.

Stacy Laird stated that she does not have any other new activities to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brenda McConaha reported that she was approached by the proprietor at Bradleys about the hamburger and hot dog order for the annual Labor Day picnic. It was also suggested that the order be changed to purchase a less expensive hot dogs. She would also like to extend her appreciation for the contributions received from the community when she held fundraisers for persons in need.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia assured the Council that he and former Council Member Morrill will place the order this next week.

It was noted that the power pole replacement project is still underway. Many persons had been wondering why the old poles had to remain, but later learned that there are other users of the older power poles who have not opted to have their lines moved to the new power poles.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the Special/Regular McGill Town Council meeting, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.