

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on June 18, 2013 at the McGill Community/Senior Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:01 P.M.

The following Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Borovansky, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Sheri Mishler, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk
Dustin Augare, McGill Volunteer Fire
Jerry Morrill, McGill Volunteer Fire
Lee Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Stacy Laird, Business Rep./McGill Revitalization Ass.
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Ass.
Mike Coster, WPC Commissioner
Bonny Pridemore
Debra Asay
Ian Bulloch, IonoWeb
Elizabeth, IonoWeb

Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public, noting that before he opens the floor, he would like to say something to the Town Council Board Members.

Council Chairman Winder explained that anything the Town Council says or does, they need to choose their words carefully.

Council Chairman Winder referred to a section of the Roberts Rules Of Order, under the portion of debate and decorum. Page 71 was read as follows:

“Decorum in debate. In debate a member must confine himself to the question immediately before the assembly and avoid personalities. He cannot reflect upon any past act of the assembly, unless he intends to conclude his remarks with a motion to amend or reconsider such action, or else while debating such motion.”

Council Chairman Winder, then, called for comments from the public.

Jerry Morrill, former Town Council Member/McGill Volunteer Fireman, addressed the Council in regards to the Council making purchases from the community of McGill. The Council has previously adopted the policy of purchasing locally, but he would like to see that policy made fore formally.

The Council noted that this matter could not be acted on under Public Comment; however, this can be placed on the next agenda for formal action of the Council.

Lee Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, addressed the Council stating that he would like to see this Council speak for themselves, rather than having third party words being spread around town.

Council Chairman Winder agreed. Pointing out that everyone needs to work together. The McGill Town Council is here to serve the community, and that means working with all the community.

The secretary explained that previously the Town Council had a Volunteer Fireman on the Board, but that is not the case right now. She used to provide a copy of the minutes to the Fire Department, so she is asking how to get a copy of the Town Council minutes to the Fire Department.

Lee Garcia assured the Council that he would provide their mailing address so they could begin receiving minutes again.

DONATION TO THE ELY SHOSHONE FANDANGO FESTIVITIES:

The Council referred to correspondence received from the Ely Shoshone Tribe soliciting donations to help fund their annual Fandango.

It was noted that the Ely Shoshone Tribe has always supported the McGill Swimming Pool and the Council has, in turn, supported organizations, such as Little League, Tribe, etc.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to donate \$100.00 to the Ely Shoshone Tribe for the purpose of assisting them with their annual Fandango.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE COMPUTER FOR THE MCGILL TOWN OFFICE AND REBUILD OLD COMPUTER (which will be donated to the Library):

The secretary explained that the computer that is situated in the McGill office has quit working. This was an older computer that the Council had acquired from the White Pine County Welfare Office. It is necessary to maintain a computer in that office because it also has the router connected to it so it can operate the computer lab in the Library. She would like to order a new computer and have the older computer rebuilt so the Town Council can donate it to the Cultural Center's Library. IonoWeb currently has the contract with the McGill Town Council to building and continually maintain McGill's WebSite. Because they are the Council's IT person, she feels it would be easiest to request they place the computer order, repair the old computer, and install them.

Ian Bulloch, IonoWeb, addressed the Council explaining that he has compiled a list of the programs that he felt should be included in the new Dell computer. He would install XPS 8700- Windows 7 Professional, Microsoft Office Professional, Flat Monitor, 4 year enhanced support, 4 year accidental damage service, 36 month McAfee security, installation, setup, and labor, and repair service for the older computer that will be donated to the McGill Library. Total estimated cost would be \$3,826.95.

The secretary explained that the purchase of the new computer was an unplanned expense. This had not been budgeted for; therefore, it will be necessary to make a request to augment funds. The process of augmenting can be time consuming.

Council Chairman Winder pointed out that the Town Council office computer is no longer operating and it is necessary to have a computer located in that office so the Library can continue offering their internet service to the community.

Ian Bulloch explained that he could make the purchase within a week or so, which would give him sufficient time to load all the necessary programs. He would be willing to carry the cost of the purchase until the funds were transferred and payment made to him.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to have the necessary paperwork prepared, and authorize the purchase of a new Dell XPS 8700 professional computer for the McGill Town Council office. Purchase price of the new Dell computer is \$3,826.95.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

REQUEST TO AUGMENT BUDGET BY MOVING FUNDS FROM MCGILL'S FUND BALANCE INTO FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET YEAR FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPUTER FOR THE MCGILL TOWN OFFICE:

The secretary explained the process in which funds are augmented. McGill is presently at the end of their budget year, this is not a budgeted item, so it will be necessary to submit a request to

the White Pine County Finance Director requesting that she prepare a Resolution to augment the amount of funds that was requested. A purchase order needs to also be prepared and authorized. The Finance Director will schedule the matter on the Board of County Commissioners agenda, then the funds can be drawn down. This process may take up to 4 to 5 weeks.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to send a request to the Board of County Commissioners to augment \$3,825.95 from the McGill Town Council's fund balance and transfer it to line item #280-501-53904 (equipment under \$5,000). This expense is to be coded to McGill's Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget year.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Mishler motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated May 21, 2013.

Council Member Ballandby seconded the motion.

Council Member Dubrutz abstained from voting on the first 29 minutes of that meeting because he had been late.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. McGill-Ruth Water meeting agenda for June 17, 2013.
2. ZipLocal letter regarding future services.
3. Letter from the Ely Shoshone Tribe soliciting donations for their annual Fandango.
4. Letter from Dept of Aging and Disability Services requesting nominations to honor volunteers.
5. Letter to the WPC Building Department regarding the condition of Standard Market.
6. Donations to the account of the McGill Swimming Pool in the amount of \$1,600.
7. Letter from Harry Rhea regarding McGill Swimming Pool donation in Mary Sue's name.
8. WP Chamber Annual Dinner invitation for June 19th.
9. White Pine Aquatic Center ground breaking on June 24th.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were read into the record as follows:

Delores Manchester (postage reimbursement)	\$ 46.00
Bath Lumber (park supplies)	246.04
Pony Express Service Mart (park gasoline)	137.80
OPI (copy machine)	29.99
Wilson Bates (freezer)	205.00
IonoWeb (McGill's Web Service)	1,100.00
The Greek/Radio Shack (recording equipment)	79.99
Linnell Electric (street light repairs)	193.50
Ely Shoshone Tribe (Fandango donation)	100.00

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

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Stacy Laird reported that there are several small children driving around town (mostly near First Street and Avenue A) in a Golf Cart that has not been licensed.

The Deputy Sheriff in attendance assured the Council he would check into the matter.

Council Member Dubrutz reported there is a home at #7 Avenue G where the owner (Wes Oxborrow) apparently passed away, his family came to remove some belongings, then left the yard unattended. The grass has grown high and it is very dry.

The Council first discussed the unsightly yard ordinance under the county code 6.04; however, after further discussion it was determined that this yard falls more under the Fire Department as the yard poses a severe fire danger to the home and the neighborhood. As an unincorporated town, the Town Council has certain obligations to ensure their Fire Department remains operating; however, since the creation of the White Pine County Fire District, some of those actual responsibilities may fall under the Fire District's duties.

It was the Consensus of the Town Council to send correspondence to the White Pine County Fire Battalion Chief, John Sherman, requesting that he inspect the home at #7 Avenue G. If the yard represents an extreme fire danger to the homes in the area, ask that he proceed according to the requirements of his position. Request that he work with the McGill Volunteer Fire Department regarding this matter.

The Deputy Sheriff in attendance reported there are 2 homes located on Avenue B that have been identified as falling within the county ordinance 6.04. He would like the Council to know that the Sheriff is proceeding on the matter.

The Council thanked him for his input.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

It was reported that there is a new dog in town running at large. It is a blond colored Boxer who is wandering around on Third Street.

It was noted this is something that needs to be monitored.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Member Mishler reported that she received a phone call from Brenda McConaha, Girl Scout Leader, about the possibility of making Diamond Park into a community garden. She explained to her that particular park does not have water available. The person residing next to that small park used to water the grass, but she can no longer afford to water it.

Former Councilperson, Jerry Morrill, recalled discussions of years past regarding this park. There had been a SNPLMA grant for the Avenue K Park and it had been proposed to install public restroom on the Diamond Park, but because there is no water available, that idea had been scrapped.

Council Member Mishler assured the Council that she would deliver the message back to Ms. McConaha.

Council Member Borovansky reported that both Woody and Doug have been doing a great job in the parks this year. He attended the Water Board meeting to listen to their discussion and decision regarding the increasing of water rates. The Board decision was to increase the water for the McGill parks by about 10 cents, which will work out at about \$500 for the year. They also discussed increasing water rates to the private residents, and that will be \$2.00 per month, and \$1.00 per month in the next few years.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is ending their budget year. July will begin the new budget year. In the next few months, the Council will notice that she will be coding some expenses back to 2012/2013 budget year, and current expenditures to fiscal year 2013/2014. Presently, McGill is 92% into their budget year with 74% of their projected revenues coming in. McGill is currently 78% spent, that is not counting what has been spent during this meeting.

EMT ASSOCIATION:

There was no report given, but it was noted that EMT and Fire have recently been consolidated.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder explained that he has not been able to drive around and inspect the street lights. While he was unavailable, Council Member Dubrutz reported a damaged street light that needed immediate attention. If there are any street lights out, he would appreciate a call.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that the County Road Department has done a lot of work repairing streets in McGill. The streets are looking good.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia reported that his department has met with the new Battalion Chief. He is presently bringing all the emergency vehicles up to specks and they will begin more training.

Council Member Mishler inquired about the turn outs.

Fire Chief Garcia answered they have discussed this and they are targeting the new budget year.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there had been a very good attendance at the Neighborhood Watch Off Vehicle Registration that had been scheduled on Wednesday evening. Registration began at 6:00 P.M. and Deputy Pederson remained until well after dark, in which he continued ATV inspections with a flashlight. Deputy Pederson completed registration for 52 ATVs and the secretary notarized 43 of the registration forms. As the McGill Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, he would ask if the Town Council would have a letter prepared commending Deputy Pederson for his outstanding work.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the secretary prepare the letter commending Deputy Pederson for his outstanding representation on the McGill Neighborhood Watch and during the Off Road Vehicle inspections.

CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Stacy Laird reported that the Cultural Center has prepared their calendar for the month of July. She had been approached with a request from JoAnne Stratton, McGill Swimming Pool Instructor, to use the McGill Senior/Community Center on June 22 and 23 for lifeguard training.

Council Member Mishler motioned to authorize the use of the McGill Senior/Community Center on June 22 and 23 for lifeguard training. Motion is to include waiving any fees.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

McGILL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Association, addressed the Council explaining that they are planning a community yard sale on June 22 from 7 to 12. This yard sale will be at the McGill Ball Park, proceeds from the booth fees (\$10 each booth) will go toward the Revitalization's efforts in restoring the Ball Park. So far they have 17 booths set up and they are still accepting applications.

Council Member Borovansky suggested that they contact the Park Manager regarding the use of the park that morning to make sure he turns the water off.

Stacy Laird reported some vandalism going on at the Ball Park and on the School property above the Ball Park. There were several young persons ripping the tin off one of the School District's sheds. The persons were not even trying to disguise their noise as they tripped the tin off the building.

It was suggested, if vandalism continued, possibly the Neighborhood Watch needs to invest in tracking cameras.

The Council instructed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the School District informing that the Revitalization Association witness some vandalism (tearing off of the tin) from one of their sheds.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

No report given.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

It was reported that McGill recently lost a business. The A-1 Variety Store recently closed their doors and the proprietor moved from the area.

It was noted that when they vacated the building, they had left the lights on and vandals would have a clear view of the inside of the building.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for further comments from the public.

County Commissioner Mike Coster clarified that the water rates for the parks increased from 50 to 60 cents. Residential water was increased \$2 per month and \$1 the following year. The water board cannot increase rates any further than the potential board member's term.

Also, there will be a celebration on July 6th at the Ely Airport celebrating 100 years of flights coming into the Ely area. There will be a fly in breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be 8 more lifeguards trained which should relieve the pressure on existing staff. Bill Calderwood, Maintenance Supervisor, asked if he would report there had not been any bids received for the restoration of the front porch of the McGill Senior/Community Center. This matter will be re-bid.

Commissioner Coster reported on the status of the McGill SNPLMA grant for Center Park and the Avenue K Park. Low bid with Jim Wilkin Trucking, LLC was the low bid in the amount of \$194,643.04. The project will include signing, subsurface investigation, quality control sampling, demolition, pavilion, concrete surfacing, 2' curb & Gutter, curb ramp, playground curb, playground equipment w/fall, picnic table, trash receptacle, pedestal grill, park bench, striping, handicap stall sign, relocate existing picnic tables & grills, bronze plaque, drainage improvements, earthwork & grading, electrical system improvements, irrigation system improvements, and turf/grass seed. He only brought one copy of the bid document, so he would ask that the secretary distribute copies to the Council Members.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.