

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on May 21, 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  
Mike Borovansky, Member  
Ed Dubrutz, Member  
Sheri Mishler, Member

Absent Council Member:

Ed Dubrutz absent for first 29 minutes

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk  
Ian Bulloch  
Elizabeth Bulloch  
Dustin Augare, McGill Fire  
Lee Garcia, McGill Fire  
Stacy Laird, McGill Revitalization  
Nathan Robertson, Day Engineering  
Susan A. Merwin  
Officer Robinson, WPC Deputy Sheriff

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Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan A. Merwin addressed the Council expressing concerns about 2 homes in her neighborhood with extremely unsightly yards that are posing problems for invading critters.

The Council explained that they hoped an officer from the WPC Sheriff's Office would be in attendance later in the meeting. If so, she could express her concerns directly to him. If an officer does not appear, then the Council will following up in writing.

REPORT ON SNPLMA GRANT PROJECTS:

Nathan Robertson, Day Engineering, addressed the Council explaining that the work at the McGill Swimming Pool has been completed. Weather did not always cooperate, but they were

able to complete the work before the opening of the summer season on Memorial Day weekend. The Swimming Pool project was accomplished through grant funding in the amount of \$175.00. Day Engineering was also assigned to the Ball Park SNPLMA grant, but Sunrise Engineering had been assigned to the Avenue K Park. He is not sure of their schedule, but he would hope they would contact the McGill Town Council when they are ready to begin their work. Day Engineering would hope that the McGill Town Council would utilize their services again someday. They would also like to remain on McGill's mailing list to receive agendas and minutes.

The Council thanked them for the service they provided while working on the SNPLMA grant.

#### COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES (OHV) OPERATION ON COUNTY STREETS, ROADS, AND HIGHWAYS:

This agenda item was at the request of County Commissioner Coster; however, he was not in attendance of the meeting.

It was recalled that the McGill Town Council had worked on establishing an ATV route with rules several years ago. The first time the route and rules was established there had been many complaints about persons abusing/speeding on the established routes. The Sheriff at that time then requested that the route no longer be used in McGill. A few years later the Council attempted to establish a route again, with specific rules, so persons would be able to drive their ATVs out of town. The second attempt, the Town Council approached the BOCC for their stamp of approval. Again, the route and rules were badly abused by young person, and adults, speeding through town. In correspondence from the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners dated July 15, 1993 they cited numerous complaints received through the Sheriff's Office, and that they rescinded their motion and to no longer allow the ATV route and rules in McGill.

#### LAUNCHING/PROMOTING THE ACTUAL DAY THE MCGILL WEBSITE GOES LIVE TO THE WORLD:

Ian Bulloch addressed the Council explaining that they have just about completed their job building McGill's web page. They would like to know if the Council wished to have a certain date in which they could launch this site. There is a place in which citizens could submit a report and they will train the Council and staff on how to work this site. The Council will also be able to post their agendas and minutes on line. They were targeting June 1<sup>st</sup> as the launching date.

The Council suggested that they post flyers around town announcing the launching of the McGill Website and provide the residents with the web address.

Ian Bulloch reported that they also offer computer services, and they have the computer program to prepare conceptual drawings.

The secretary recalled that, when the Town Council was working on their Park Master Plan; their original idea was to finalize it with a conceptual drawings of each park. It had then been planned that they could provide a copy of the conceptual drawing to the EDC office, and hang copies in the Council meeting chambers. That is something that has not been accomplished yet, and could be up for future discussions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION TO SEND CORRES. TO BUILDING OFFICIAL AND BOCC REGARDING THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDING (known as Standard Market):

It was noted that this agenda item was scheduled at the request of Council Member Dubrutz; however, he had reported he may arrive late for the meeting.

The secretary explained that the abatement of abandoned building known as the Standard Market building had been reported to the White Pine Building Department a total of 21 times during the past 20 plus years. In correspondence dated August 2011, the Council provided the Board of County Commissioners, Building Department, & District Attorney, with a list of the number of times the building had been reported as a hazard to the community. It had been previously reported that the adjacent property owner was not able to obtain a building permit without constructing a fire wall because of the state of disrepair the Standard Market building is in. Assemblyman Goicoechea even attended a County Commission meeting, on behalf of the McGill Town Council, in an attempt to have this building abated. On 3 separate occasions the abatement process had brought the owner and renter of the Standard Market building to County Commission meetings. All 3 times they had promised they would clean up the building and bring it up to code. Still nothing has been done. This building is still continuing to deteriorate to a point that it is a severe hazard to persons passing along the sidewalk. The roof is sliding off, there are large holes in the roof where pigeons are entering, breeding, and leaving a deep layer of their waste on the inside. Plus, the bricks are crumbling and if the wind is blowing the building can be felt swaying. This building is in such poor condition that even transients walking through town recognize the dangers of the structure, and they will not seek shelter inside.

Council Member Mishler motioned to send correspondence to the White Pine County Building Department, with copies to the Board of County Commissioner and District Attorney, requesting that the Building Department, once again, begin the process for the abatement of dangerous buildings pursuant to ordinance 268, more specifically the abatement of the Standard Market building. Motion is to include the attachment of past correspondence.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

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

PURCHASE OF AN ICE MACHINE TO BE PLACED IN THE MCGILL SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Council Member Borovansky reported that he has conducted some research into the acquisition of an ice machine, maintenance of an ice machine, and the alternative of purchasing a freezer to store bagged ice. A new ice machine would cost approximately \$1,600 plus installation. Wilson Bates has a chest freezer, with a small dent, for \$219.00.

Council Member Mishler noted that during the Labor Day weekend, they use huge amounts of ice and she does not think a freezer would be able to hold all the ice they would need.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby suggested obtaining a firm cost estimate for the purchase and installation of an ice machine.

Council Member Dubrutz arrived for the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

Later in the meeting, Lee Garcia McGill Fire Chief, addressed the Council explaining that the ice machine that the Town Council purchased for the Fire Department is available for use by the Council. There never used to be a problem scheduling the bagging of ice, because there was a Town Council member on the Fire Department. They have been maintaining this ice machine regularly and it is in good operating condition. Because their work schedules vary, they would need a day or so notice when ice is needed. This machine has been able to provide all the needed ice during festivities, such as Labor Day celebrations. There is one request. The White Pine Fire District pays their operating expenses, but the ice machine is not a necessary expense; so they would ask if the Town Council would purchase replacement bags when needed.

Council Member Mishler motioned, upon receiving assurances from the McGill Volunteer Fire Department that the ice is still available to the Town Council, that Council Member Borovansky be authorized to purchase a freezer (slightly damaged) in the amount of \$219.00 to be placed at the McGill Senior/Community Center for the storage of bags of ice. Ice would be available to anyone using the Center.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Mishler motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated April 16, 2013 and the Special McGill Town Council minutes dated April 23, 2013.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting on the minutes dated April 16<sup>th</sup> due to being absent from that meeting.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Memo to WPC Treasurer – deposit of Kinneer Library Center for use of internet.
2. Correspondence from WPC Road Dept. regarding surplus equipment auction.
3. Letter to BOCC regarding budget cuts to the McGill Swimming Pool.
4. Letter being sent to local business soliciting financial assistance to keep pool open due to BOCC budget cuts.
5. Letter to Mr. LeBarts regarding rental use of the McGill Senior/Community Center.
6. Letter authorizing use of McGill Center Park for Tent Revival.
7. Letter to Mr. Thornburg regarding summer employment.
8. Letters to ALL applicants for park assistance.
9. McGill Ruth Water agenda for May 6, 2013 & May 16, 2013.
10. Corres from WPC Finance Dept. regarding budget revisions.
11. Artwork approval & confirmation from The Flag Co.
12. Swimming Pool donation deposits in the amount of \$2,080.00
13. Swimming Pool donation deposits in the amount of \$1,750.00
14. Letter from Mt. Wheeler Power offering donation in the amount of \$1,500.

It was noted that the McGill Swimming is a County facility; the Council was only soliciting donations because the BOCC made large cuts as of a result of needing to submit a balance budget.

It was further noted that, as of this date, McGill has received \$3,800 in donations to help offset the costs of operating the McGill Swimming Pool. All donations are deposited into the Swimming Pool account.

It was requested that a copy of the letter soliciting donations be sent to the Ely Times as a letter to the editor or community support.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were read into the record.

Graphic Technology (envelopes)	\$ 71.00
Delores Manchester (reimbursement for postage)	46.00
Bath Lumber (park supplies)	69.23

Pony Express (park gasoline)	79.20
OPI (copy machine monthly charge)	29.99
The Flag Co. US Flag, Nevada Flag, & McGill Flag)	759.50
Cave Valley Engraving (McGill plaque)	400.00

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

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The secretary reported that the Flag Co. has an order confirmation and artwork confirmation attached to their final billing. Both confirmations required the signature of the Chairman and needed to be returned. She has contacted Jennifer at the White Pine Finance Department and was assured that she will forward the confirmations when she mails the final payment.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Deputy Robinson arrived for the meeting, and Susan Merwin provided him with pictures of unsightly yards at #29 Avenue B and #31 Avenue B.

Deputy Robinson assured the Council that he would have someone view the yards during daylight hours to determine if the unsightly yards fall within the County Code 6.04. If a citation is warranted, they will proceed accordingly.

ANIMALS AT LARGE:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Member Borovansky reported that the McGill Parks Manager is currently out of town. If there are any concerns to be expressed about the McGill parks, he will forward them on to the Assistant Grounds worker.

Stacy Laird recalled that the Town Council had planted a tree in memory of her father who had worked as the McGill Parks Manager for many years. That tree appears to have died and she would like to purchase a replacement tree.

The Council did not express any objection.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is currently 83% into their budget year, revenues are only at 66%, and expenses are at 69%. Revenues are much lower than anticipated and expenses are higher during the summer months due to park personnel.

The secretary complimented the services of the White Pine Finance Department. They monitor McGill's expenses and have provided the Council with a report showing budget transfers. This report is to be acknowledged and returned.

### EMT ASSOCIATION:

No report given.

### STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he has the required 5 lights out. There was one light that was reported as "blinking" down on North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. It took a few inspections before he could verify the problem. If there are no additional concerns regarding lights, he will fax his repair list on to Linnell Electric.

### STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that he received a call from the Road Superintendent, Bill Miller, notifying him that his department will begin filling in pot holes in McGill.

Council Member Borovansky confirmed that many of the pot holes have been repaired in upper town site and the roads are more easily driven on.

The Council complimented the services received through this department.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Lee Garcia, McGill Fire Chief, addressed the Council by apologizing for his nonattendance at the meetings. His work schedule has changed and he will be able to attend more often to provide the Council with a report. White Pine County has hired a district fire chief and he has reported for work on Monday. McGill volunteers have been set up for fire training classes and it is hoped that the new management for all fire departments will work well.

Lee Garcia inquired about the annual Labor Day firework display. He would like to know if anyone has filed for the necessary permits.

Council Member Mishler explained that the McGill Community Activities Committee (MCAC) had been working with Dave and Lane in Lund regarding the permitting process for the fireworks display. They have also lined up some of the other volunteer fire departments to ensure there are enough fire suppression vehicles available.

Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia asked why the Council was not working with the McGill Volunteer Fire Department, as they have always assisted with the fireworks display, picnic, liquor sales, etc.

Council Member Mishler explained that his mother had indicated that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department was not going to be available to stand by during the fireworks display.

Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia explained that, as the McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, he is the person who speaks on behalf of the McGill Volunteer Fire Department, and he assured the Council that they will be available to be on standby during the fireworks display.

The Council thanked Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia for his assurances.

The secretary recalled that the McGill Town Council had made a request to augment from their fund balance enough funds to purchase new turn outs for the McGill Volunteer Firemen. The Board of County Commissioners denied the request. She would like to know if McGill has received replacement turnouts for the outdated turnouts.

Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia answered that the replacement turnouts have been placed in the budget.

Council Chairman Winder stated that the McGill Town Council will do everything to continue to support the McGill Volunteer Fire Department. If they require anything, or if they do not receive the replacement turnouts, the Council would appreciate being kept apprised of this.

#### NIEGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported the McGill Neighborhood Watch held their regular meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Officer Pederson provided them with a presentation on internet and other scams. The next meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (half hour earlier) for off road vehicle inspections.

There will be an officer available to inspect the ATVs, because of the new state licensing requirement, and there will be free notary services available. They will be posting flyers around town announcing the ATV inspections.

### CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported there are no new activities. The Cultural Center has, every Friday night, an activity; such as: Bingo, movies, or a variety of games. Attendance is not always good, but they keep trying.

### REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:

Stacy Laird, McGill Revitalization Association, reported that their volunteer organization will hold a community yard sale on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7: a.m. until noon. As of this date, they have 5 booths and there will be a pancake breakfast.

### YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Mishler reported there is not much new to report right now, but they are beginning their planning for the Labor Day weekend festivities and street dance. She would like to know if the McGill Volunteer Fire Department plans on assisting at the BBQ at the Swimming Pool Park during the Labor Day weekend, and if they will have a donation can available as in past years.

Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia explained that they have already made application for a permit to sell beer during the Labor Day weekend celebrations. The volunteer firemen will also like to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs during the picnic as they have in past years; however, they still need to contact Mr. Benson about borrowing the giant BBQ again this year.

Council Member Mislher suggested that they obtain at least 3 kegs of beer to ensure they will not run out. She would also like to have the food purchased from Ridley's because it might be cheaper.

The Council thanked Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia for his assurances, and stated that the order and purchase of hamburgers and hot dogs will be from Bradley's Bestway Market, as the McGill Town Council supports their local businesses. Noting that Trina at Bradley's Market should remember what food and condiments had been ordered for past town picnics.

### BUSINESS PLAN/MERCHANTS REPORTS:

This matter was brought up under the website agenda item.

Council Chairman Winder inquired about the opening of the coffee shop.

Ian Bulloch explained that they now have been permitted through the State Health Department. They have submitted their plans for the coffee shop to the White Pine Building Department. Once they obtain the Building Official's stamp of approval, they will begin construction to

renovate the Old Stage Stop Building into a coffee shop. Because their construction will be done during the summer months, they will not work at the Marich Field concession stand this year.

It was noted that the Council had previously received comment about a young local person who has been attending gun repair school. Upon his graduation, he will be establishing a gun smith shop in McGill.

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, reported that sadly the A-1 Variety store will be closing their doors. The proprietor will be moving from the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for any further comments from the public.

There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.