

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on April 15, 2014 at the McGill Senior/Community Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:02 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman  
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson  
Mike Borovansky, Member  
Anne Schroeder, Member

Absent Council Member:

Ed Dubrutz, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk  
Mike Coster, County Commissioner  
Lin Burleigh, WPC Clerk  
Kathy Ricci, WPC HR Director  
Steve Marques, WPC Sheriff Deputy  
Jim Garza, WPC EDC Director  
Elaine Blackham, WPC EDC Office  
Elinor Blackham, EMT  
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/McGill Revitalization  
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.  
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library  
Bonnie Gurr, Kinnear Library  
Sue Winder, Kinnear Library  
Dennis "Woody" Robinson, McGill Parks  
Andy McVicars  
Margie Peyton  
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.  
Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire, Women's Auxiliary

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Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. immediately following the Joint meeting with the WPC Board of County Commissioners.

Council Chairman Winder called upon Council Member Schroeder to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the audience.

There were no comments brought up at this time.

### CHANGES TO THE MCGILL BALL PARK SNPLMA GRANT PROJECT:

EDC Director, Jim Garza, addressed the Council, providing them an aerial photograph of the McGill Ball Park. He explained that there is a need to install a concrete sidewalk and handicapped parking stall to allow handicap parking with signage – pour a 4 foot wide cement concrete sidewalk leading to the public restrooms and to viewing area for handicap for wheel chair guests to view games – rebuild the announcers box and install a door on the outside for exit – prepare ground and install 4 foot wide concrete stairs with railing alongside bleachers – remove excess dirt, prep ground and install railroad ties as a retaining wall behind dugouts to stairs- prep the steel structure and install new green painted corrugated metal that will match the look of the old asbestos material that has been removed. – remove existing sheet metal and install same material on dugout roofs – prepare ground and install railroad ties as a retaining wall behind and aside the northern bleachers – and rebuild the public restroom area.

EDC Director Garza continued, stating that presently they have about \$150,000 remaining in the grant fund to accomplish this work. The announcer box, cement, metal work, and lumber for the bleachers are not cheap, so there is a possibility they will run out of funds to complete this project.

Council Chairman Winder recalled that SHIPO dictated the historical value of the bleachers.

EDC Director Garza agreed, noting they will have to discuss the historical value of the bleachers and other parts of the Ball Park with SHIPO.

Elaine Blackham, EDC Office, pointed out that the Town Council can also go back to the Board of County Commissioners to ask for phase #3 to complete the renovations to the Ball Park, as the facility cannot be listed on the Historical Register until the restoration has been completed.

Council Member Schroeder asked if there was going to be any water fountains.

EDC Director Garza stated that they had not written in water at this time.

Council Chairman Winder entertained a motion to accept the plan changes to the SNPLMA grant project for the McGill Ball Park.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby moved on the motion, Council Member Schroeder seconded.

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

### PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT BASEBALL DIAMOND FOR LITTLE LEAGUE AT THE MCGILL BALL PARK:

It was noted that this topic had been discussed during the joint meeting and during the above agenda item.

Park Manager Robinson addressed the Council explaining that he has inspected this Ball Park. There are some water sprinklers that have been capped and there are some sprinklers that need to be moved and built up to avoid injuries. If these volunteers are going to make these updates to the Ball Park, he would like to see this project get finished. He has also spoken with some of those in attendance of this meeting regarding this project.

Andy McVicars assured the Board that his group of volunteers will coordinate with WPC Maintenance Super, Bill Calderwood and the McGill Parks Manager, Woody Robinson, and the McGill Town Council Member assigned to the Parks.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LOCKING COVERS TO BE PLACED OVER THE THERMOSTATS AT THE MCGILL SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Council Chairman Winder noted that this agenda item is moot at this time, but he will turn over the floor to Council Member Schroeder to explain the events leading to the request for thermostat covers.

Council Member Schroeder explained that when she checked the building one morning she found the heat cranked up to over 80 degrees. She had the secretary compare the heating costs this year to last year's heating costs and found that the electric bills had doubled, if not tripled for some months. She had the secretary contact the WPC Maintenance Superintendent, Bill Calderwood, and request locking covers be installed over the thermostats, and make an offer to purchase those locking boxes. Within a few days, Maintenance Super Calderwood had the locking boxes installed.

Council Member Schroeder publically thanked Bill Calderwood and his crew for the excellent service they provide to McGill.

RATIFICATION FOR THE APPROVAL TO RE-HIRE MCGILL PARKS MANAGER AND PARKS GROUNDS ASSISTANT:

Council Member Borovansky recalled that during the previous meeting, the Parks Manager requested to be brought back to work early this year, along with his assistant. It was necessary for the secretary to prepare the necessary paperwork for the rehire of both Woody Robinson and Johnathan Pay, and deliver it to the White Pine County Human Resource Director. He signed all the necessary paperwork, but he is requesting that the Council ratify his actions.

Council Member Borovansky motioned to rehire Dennis “Woody” Robinson as McGill Parks Manager for the 2014 summer season and rehire Johnathan Pay as the McGill Parks Grounds Assistant for the 2014 summer season.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

RATIFICATION OF THE MEMO FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM MISCELLANEOUS LINE ITEM INTO OPERATING SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRICITY:

The secretary reported that she received a phone call from the WPC Finance Office on March 25<sup>th</sup> explaining that there was not sufficient funds in the line item to pay the heating costs at the McGill Senior/Community Center. She immediately called Council Member Schroeder requesting permission to prepare a memo requesting a transfer of funds. She prepared the memo to transfer \$300 from miscellaneous #280-501-52401 into operating #280-501-52103 – transfer \$1,000 from miscellaneous #280-502-52401 into electricity #280-501-52103 – and transfer \$500 from miscellaneous #280-5012-52401 into equipment #280-501-53904. After she prepared the memo for transfer of funds, she then notified the Chairman of her actions. She is now requesting the Town Council ratify this action.

Council Member Borovansky motioned to ratify the memo dated March 25<sup>th</sup> for the transfer of funds as stated above.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

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

EARLY ORDERS AT BRADLEY’S BESTWAY MARKET FOR 2014 CHRISTMAS ITEMS:

Council Member Schroeder requested that this item be carried on the agenda as the order catalogues have not arrived yet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated March 18, 2014.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting due to not being present at that meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence sent or received since the last meeting was listed as follows:

1. Monthly report from the secretary.
2. Letter to Karen Rajala regarding their soliciting membership on the RPC.
3. Memo to WPC Maintenance Super Calderwood requesting locking box to be installed over the thermostats at the Center.
4. Note from Sue Winder stating that \$20 had been found on the floor.
5. Letter to the WPC Clerk listing old ordinances that had been found.
6. Memo to WPC Finance Department requesting transfer of funds.
7. Memo to Chairman from secretary reporting the request for transfer of funds.
8. Memo to WPC Human Resource Director with Personnel Action Forms attached for the rehire of seasonal workers.

The secretary asked what should be done with the money that was found on the floor.

The Council directed her to deposit it into McGill's miscellaneous account.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Council Chairman Winder read the following bills into the record:

IonoWeb	\$135.00
(quarterly web page maintenance)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 87.29
(Easter supplies)	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly maintenance of copy machine)	
Linnell Electric	\$795.00
(street light repairs)	

Council Member Ballandby motioned to approve the bills for payment as read.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported there is considerable garbage being stacked on the south side of the Variety Store (formerly Big Al's). Presently people are renting the apartment above the store.

Deputy Sheriff Marques assured the Council that he would follow through with this matter.

#### ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Stacy Laird thanked Sheriff Deputy Marques for handling the dog running at large in her neighborhood.

#### PARK MAINTENANCE:

Park Manager, Woody Robinson, reported that the tires he will be needing this year are for the mower, not the truck as previous stated. He and his assistant, Jonathan Pay, have been trapping gophers and they have been knocking down the mounds. There are some areas that no longer have flowers below the Ball Park, so he would like to know the Council's feelings about make some berms and plant squash, onions, etc. They have already cleaned in and around the Ball Park, fixed the sprinklers, and they turned the water on today. They will be fixing the sprinklers at the other parks and have the water turned on at some of them.

EDC Director Garza offered to donate some tomato plants.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that Elanie at the Finance Office will be out of the office for the next few weeks and did not have time to make the transfer of funds. But she was assured by other staff in the office that the electric bill had been paid. Presently McGill is 80% into their budget year with only 57% of their revenues coming in. This is not uncommon, as the funds are appropriated through the state and funds will come in after the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are presently at 63%.

#### FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

#### STREET LIGHTS:

It was reported there is a light out at 1<sup>st</sup> and Avenue B, bottom of Avenue C, and between Avenue A and B at the top.

Council Chairman Winder assured the Board that he would check these lights, once the required 5 lights that are out, he will call in the repair.

#### STREETS AND STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there was 14 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. There were 2 officers from the Sheriff's Office and 2 persons from Juvenile Probation. Juvenile Probation gave a presentation on the steps that occur before any juveniles are passed on to their department to probation/supervision. Next month it is hoped that one of the District Judge's will visit Neighborhood Watch to report on the duties of their office.

#### YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Schroeder reported that they will be holding an old fashioned Easter on Saturday this year. They would encourage everyone to turn out and have fun. She would thank those with the MRA for coloring the eggs and for helping with this project. The only problem them have encountered is locating the Easter Bunny.

Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary stated that their organization will be cooking and coloring eggs, also.

#### BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

#### KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported that the Library held their meeting last month. Their next meeting will have the election of their officers. They are planning on holding a Mother's Day raffle. They have also enjoyed great success with the school kids coming to the Library for one on one reading classes.

#### McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, reported that their organization is in the process of collecting recipes for a cook book. They have been helping with the Easter Egg Hunt. Working with the "Old Timers" at their meetings, people have brought up old pictures and stories, and they are planning on selling CDs with the pictures. They are still soliciting stories and pictures if anyone has any.

County Commissioner Coster suggested placing some of those old pictures on the McGill Web Site.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT:

Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, addressed the Council explaining that they are starting up the Women's Auxiliary again. Anyone wishing to join will need to be voted in and there will be a 90 day probation period. They have selected a band to play 2 nights during the annual Labor Day festivities. They have been working with the MRA and the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center on various activities. They are already planning games during the Labor Day and they will clean up the Ball Park after the fireworks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc., publically thanked the Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, Neighborhood Watch, and everybody else for helping during the search for the woman who left her home and was missing for several hours.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further questions or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.