

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on August 19, 2014 at the McGill Senior/Community Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Mike Borovansky, member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Anne Schroeder, Member

Absent Council Member:

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk
Mike Coster, County Commission Liaison
Dennis “Woody” Robinson, Parks Manager
David Robb
Brenda McConaha, MVFD/WA
Elinor Blackham, McGill Fire/EMT
Cheryl Winkle
Ken Winkle
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization
Lee Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/McGill Revitalization
Andy McVicars, Little League
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center
Ian Bulloch, IonoWeb
Amanda Lytle, WPC Assistant Swimming Pool Director
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization

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

The Council led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the audience.

David Robb addressed the Council reporting a camper that has been parked at #1 South 5th Street.

The Council explained there had already been concerns expressed about someone living in a camper that it is parked at a vacant home, he has an electrical extension cord connected to a

neighboring home, and they have already prepared correspondence to the Sheriff asking he look into the matter.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE MCGILL SWIMMING POOL:

Amanda Lytle, Assistant Swimming Pool Director, addressed the Council explaining that the Swimming Department will be participating in the Big Splash by offering free swimming on Saturday, they will have competitions, etc. They are also planning on participating in the parade.

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, explained that the Swimming Pool Director did attend a MRA meeting. They were provided with information about the Big Splash, and their organization offered to assist them as best they could.

Council Chairman Winder requested that a representative of the Swimming Pool attend a McGill Town Council with a report from time to time. The McGill Swimming Pool has been a place of recreation in McGill for over 100 years. The Council had been told that swimming lessons had been cancelled. This is a historic swimming pool and the Council is concerned about the pool's future.

Assistant Director Lytle explained that they had offered swimming lessons, but nobody showed up.

It was suggested that they post notices at the McGill Post Office so the public would know about activities and lessons.

Parks Manager, Woody Robinson, suggested there be a tourism sign placed along the highway. The small sign with a picture of someone swimming is so small, that people drive by.

REQUEST DONATION FOR THE ANNUAL MCGILL BIG SPLASH:

Assistant Director Lytle explained that she heard in the past that McGill Town Council has provided some prizes for the Big Splash. She is here this evening asking if the Council would like to help again this year.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to allow a representative of the WPC Swimming Pool to charge no more than \$250.00 at V & S Variety for prizes during the annual Big Splash.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

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

FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR ANNUAL MCGILL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, announced there will be a parade again this year. They hope to have several floats, candidates as this is an election year, marching groups, etc.

Council Chairman Winder provided them with a gift certificate as one of the prizes for the parade.

Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, explained that there was an issue with the location of the street dance because the post office cannot allow alcohol in the post office parking lot. The county insurance was obtained for the lot next to the post office, this lot is owned by a private party, so they will mark off the boundaries next to the post office parking area so there will be no confusion. They presently have 5 applications from vendors wishing to set up booths, they will also direct them where to set up so they will be on the area covered under the county insurance policy. The McGill Club will be providing electrical power for the band. The band will play at the street dance and at the BBQ the next day at the Swimming Pool area.

Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization, reported that Smoky Bear will be at the Swimming Pool park, and the US Forest Service will have a booth set up.

REVIEW/POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE JANITOR POSITION TO CLEAN MCGILL SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER AND OFFICES:

It was requested to carry this matter on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION FOR END OF EMPLOYMENT OF PARKS ASSISTANT:

The Council Chairman signed the personnel action form for Dee Fullmer for end of employment.

PROJECT UPDATES FOR MCGILL WEB PAGE AT design@ionweb.com:

Ian Bulloch, IonoWeb, addressed the assemblage stating that he would like information about activities in and around McGill so he can keep making updates to the McGill Web Page that he designed. There are a lot of activities planned around Labor Day and he hopes to have all the activities listed correctly.

Everyone in attendance agreed to provide him with contact information.

STATUS/UPDATE/REPORT ON NDOT ROAD MAINTENANCE AND/OR PROJECTS THAT MAY AFFECT ROADS WITHIN THE TOWN OF MCGILL:

The Council requested this matter be taken off the agenda.

STATUS REPORT ON IMPROVEMENTS TO MCGILL BALL PARK'S LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD AND AVENUE K PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

Andy McVicars addressed the Council explaining that the scoreboard has been installed and Linnell Electric will be connecting the power before the scheduled games on Labor Day.

Council Member Dubrutz reported on the Avenue K Park improvement project. The WPC Road Supervisor, Bill Miller, had contacted him reporting that the contractor had run into a problem

with the steam lines leaving from the business above the park. These steam lines posed a safety problem so they needed to remove the steam lines before they could complete the sidewalk, curb, and gutter. The work the County Road Department did cost them \$6,500.00. Also the Road Department will also paint the diagonal parking stripes.

Council Chairman Winder noted that driving home in the evenings, it is a good sight seeing so many youngsters playing on the equipment in the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated July 15, 2014.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

Council Member Dubrutz abstained from voting on a portion of the minutes due to being absent during the first half of the meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Copy of Certificate of Insurance
2. Letter to Employment Office verifying application process
3. Secretary monthly report
4. Copy of BOCC minutes regarding Standard Market Building
5. Memo to County Maintenance regarding leaking gutter
6. Letter to Mr. Thornburg regarding application process
7. Receipt for Kinnear Library rental
8. McGill pool e-mails
9. Memo to WPC Finance regarding insurance police report
10. Letters to vendors for authorization to charge
11. Deposit receipt for rental of Senior Center
12. Temporary food establishment application and memo
13. Memo regarding storm drain
14. County Commission agendas and minutes (on wall by office)

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the minutes:

Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 14.65
(Honor Camp refreshments)	
Bath Lumber	\$173.39
(\$9.48 FY 2013)	

	(\$163.91 FY 2014)	
OPI	(monthly contract for copy machine)	\$ 29.99
Pony Express Service Mart	(parks gasoline)	\$427.32
IonoWeb	(quarterly maintenance)	\$1335.00
Bradleys Bestway Market	(cleaning supplies)	\$ 34.39

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Council Member Dubrutz inquired about the Old Standard Market Building. He understood that the former building official was not happy about the proposed modifications.

County Commissioner Coster explained that the building has been on the County Commission agenda a few times. There has been one person who would like to purchase the building, but he would like the abatement order removed. The District Attorney recommended that the abatement order not be removed. The BOCC asked about modifying the abatement order, but that has not happened yet. They are looking at a reasonable way to get this building brought up to code.

Council Chairman Winder read into the record pages 10 and 11 of the May 14, 2014 County Commission minutes where there was considerable discussion regarding the Standard Market Building. He would note that the McGill Town Council had requested this building be abated over 22 years ago, bringing this building up to code would not be as extensive had the abatement been handled sooner.

County Commissioner Coster explained that the structural engineer is extremely expensive. The Board of County Commissioners accepted the obligation for this building, and they are considering options.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOG:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Parks Manager Woody Robinson reported that they have been working on the ball field in preparation of the Labor Day festivities. The Honor Camp has been a great help working at the McGill parks. Parks are looking very good. The 13 trees they planted are doing extremely well.

Sprinklers are being repaired. They have been working at the Senior Center lawn and coordinating the theme to go along with the Cultural Center.

Andy McVicars reported that the new picture mound is ripped, or was vandalized. They are seeking cost estimate to replace the new pictures mound.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she provided the Council with 2 budget spreadsheets. The first spreadsheet shows zero amounts spent, the second spreadsheet shows all the outstanding purchase orders that were approved, and that is why it is showing 19% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia reported that everything is going well. They hung a sign soliciting volunteers. They had to pull their main ambulance because of specification issues, so now McGill's backup ambulance is serving as their main one.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported there are only 2 lights out at present. He cannot call in the repairs until there is 5 lights out per the Council policy.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported look alright. The County Road Supervisor did inspect the storm drain at the corner of 3rd and Avenue I that had been reported at the previous meeting. They did some fill to help alleviate the sunk in portion.

Cheryl Winkle addressed the Council noted that the Road Dept. did come out to their home and put some asphalt down, but with the recent rain, it has started to wash out again. She did witness a small child fall into the sunken storm drain the other day. It appears to her that the main erosion problem is on Avenue I and Avenue H.

Council Member Dubrutz assured her that he would speak with the Road Supervisor again.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported there was 13 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. There was a person running for County Commission in attendance, Deputy Pedersen was also on hand to discuss any issues that have come up. The next meeting will be on Sept. 10, 2014 and they hope to have a representative there to discuss domestic violence.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Nothing to report at this time.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, announced that Holly has passed her test and is now licensed and open for business.

The Council directed the secretary to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony welcoming her business to the community.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Eva Trimble reported that the Friday activities have not been very well attended at the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center. They are planning a picnic at the Avenue K Park. The Kinnear Library/Cultural Center will be in the parade planned on Labor Day and they will be handing out excess books.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, reported they will have 4-wheelers in the parade and they will have a MRA booth both Friday and Saturday. They are planning a ball game on Sunday.

Joni Drahos, MRA, announced that they will have a Taco mule kissing contest with the Sheriff and a candidate participating. Kennecott donated materials for the scoreboard and they are considering helping with the second ball field.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

Brenda McConaha, Women's Auxiliary, reported they have obtained their liquor permit and the Health Department included the food permit at the Swimming Pool Park with the liquor license. All the other activities she reported under the earlier agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner Coster reported that the Railroad received an \$85,000 grant for the McGill Depot. There are plans underway for a Kennecott union reunion at the Railroad Depot next year. There was comments about the new Pool director, he would note, the Ely Pool is new and they will be many issues to work out. He is confident she will work things out. The SNPLMA grant projects are moving along well. The playground equipment is being placed, but he understands that the City of Ely is considering age limit signs.

Andy McVicars noted there are a lot of trashy yards in McGill. He would like to know if there are laws governing the cleanup of some of these yards.

It was explained that Chapter 6 of the White Pine County Code addresses the failure to remove accumulation from yards. He can either call the Sheriff's Office, or if he wishes to remain anonymous he can provide the Town Council with the addresses and a brief description of the condition of the yard, and the Town Council can send correspondence to the Sheriff' asking that he send an officer to inspect the premises, if it falls within the trashy yard ordinance, then the Council would ask that the Deputy proceed accordingly.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.