

The Regular (informal) meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on December 16, 2014 at the McGill Senior/Community Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:06 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Anne Schroeder, Member

Absent Council Member:

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Borovansky, Member (med. Emergency)
Ed Dubrutz, Member (w/prior approval)

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk
Brett Waters, District Fire Chief
Lee Garcia, McGill Fire Chief
Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA
Stacy Laird, MRA/Business Rep
Bonnie Gurr, Kinnear Library
Vicky Jackson, Kinnear Library
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library
Joni Drahos, MRA/McGill-Ruth Water

Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Council Chairman Winder informed the audience that the McGill Town Council does not have a quorum present, there will be no action taken at this meeting; however, the Board will proceed with the meeting on an informal basis.

Council Chairman Winder led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

There was no comments or concerns raised at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BRETT WATERS AS WPC FIRE CHIEF AND A PRESENTATION ON LONG RANGE/SHORT RANGE PLANS AND FUTURE ACQUISITION OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Brett Waters, White Pine County Fire District Chief, addressed the Board explaining that he met with the McGill secretary and she provided him with copies of the Nevada Revised Statutes showing that McGill, Ruth, and Lund as unincorporated towns, pointing out to him that their

funding comes from the State, but is administered through WPC. He has been the fire chief for almost a year and he has been working very well with the McGill Fire Chief, Lee Garcia. Total there are 9 fire stations within the White Pine County Fire District. He has faced many challenges with some of the fire chief, but after the McGill secretary provided him with information showing that unincorporated towns “shall” provide for their emergency services, some of his challenging topics have been clarified. Before 2008 White Pine County contracted with Nevada Division of Forestry for fire protection, but since the developing of the WPC Fire District, NDF’s assistance was no longer required. He feels that if all fire departments work together, they can accomplish much more to assist with the maintenance of equipment and fire stations. The EMS and Fire Departments merged in July. The volunteers have been great to work with in McGill, they now have 2 staffed persons at Station #1 during the day, giving much faster response time. One of the challenges they worked on was paging and calling via cell phones. They have some funds to update equipment, of which they have between 50 to 52 pieces of equipment to maintain. They try to obtain used equipment, but some new equipment will also be needed. During the budget sessions, they will be bringing proposals to the unincorporated towns, as they have the ability to borrow and the obligation to provide for fire protection. The McGill Town Council has already shown their ability to support their fire department by purchasing much of their own equipment. They are presently looking at obtaining a 4-wheel drive vehicle to take care of both structure and brush fires.

Council Chairman Winder asked if McGill purchases new equipment, he would like to know where the old equipment will go. He also would note that, at one time, the McGill Fire Department wanted to purchase new radios, but the BOCC denied that request.

WPC Fire Chief Waters explained that he can do the arguing, or presenting, to the BOCC as a shared effort with the fire departments and the various town boards.

The secretary recalled that a several years ago McGill Town Council purchased a 1945 military, Red Cross, ambulance for show, display, and/or parades. She understands this ambulance is presently stored at the County Road Department. She does not wish this ambulance to be lost within their inventory.

WPC Fire Chief Waters assured the Council that he is aware of this, but this ambulance may require some work before it can be returned to McGill. He would like to inform the Council that they will be working on the new ISO ratings for all the communities. Many factors are considered during the rating review, such as: location fire station, fire hydrants, water district ratings, volunteer status, paperwork, etc.

Joni Drahos, McGill-Ruth Water District, addressed the assemblage explaining that the McGill Ruth Water District is presently working on job descriptions for maintenance personnel, once completed, they will no longer need to contract with the City of Ely. She referred him who to contact at the Water District Office.

The Council thanked WPC Fire Chief Waters for taking the time to attend a McGill meeting and clarify the duties and intent of the White Pine Fire District.

INTERVIEWS FOR THE POSITION OF PART TIME CUSTODIAN (NOTE: There will be no comments from the public during this agenda item) (NOTE: There was only one application received – Eva Trimble:

Council Chairman Winder explained there had only been one application received; however, the Council will not be able to either interview or fill that position at this meeting because there is no quorum.

Eva Trimble explained that she will not be available for the next few months, so there could be a delay in accepting the position if she is offered. If the Council needs someone immediately, she would ask if another person could fill in for her.

It was noted that no decision could be made at this meeting, but fill in employees may not be allowed under the human resource requirements.

POSSIBLE SELECTION OF CUSTODIAN:

No decision made.

REVIEW OF COST ESTIMATES AND/OR AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN PURCHASE ORDERS TO REPLACE OLD STYLE STREET LIGHT POLE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF NORTH FOURTH STREET AND AVENUE N THAT HAD BEEN STRUCK BY A CAR ON NOVEMBER 16, 2014:

Council Chairman Winder explained that he had Dirt Works remove the pole at a cost of almost \$1,100. Work entailed of chipping away the cement, bolts, and removing the fixture. He has a rough estimate for the replacement of the antique pole at over \$3,000. The driver of the vehicle was not driving his own vehicle, but the vehicle was insured. Also, McGill carries liability insurance through the NACO Insurance Pool. McGill will need to monitor this and the expenses, then provide all copies to the Sheriff, District Attorney, Finance Department, and the Insurance Pool.

STEPS AND TIME FRAMES TO BEGIN THE PROCESS IN MAKING APPLICATION FOR A USDA GRANT/LOAN TO RESTORE/RENOVATE THE KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING (This item may include discussion regarding placing the Kinnear Library on the Historical Register):

Council Chairman Winder explained that the Council has received correspondence from the State Historical Society, but before any decision can be made, the Council will need to consider the matter further.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Letter from State Historic Preservation Office regarding placing some properties on the Historical Register.
2. Letter from Mt. Wheeler Power donating power to Christmas lights.
3. Police report for traffic accident that occurred on November 16, 2014.
4. Secretary monthly report.
5. Letter to Wayne A'Bell welcoming his proposed new business to McGill.
6. E-mail from Lisa Goodfellow, USDA, regarding possible grant/loan for Kinnear Library.
7. Memo from secretary regarding debris falling from Standard Market.
8. Deposit in the amount of \$60 for rent of Senior Center.
9. Letter to Eva Trimble regarding application for Custodian position.
10. Letter to the Editor from Ken Hastings regarding Standard Market building.
11. Letter to James Bertolini, State Historic Preservation Office regarding Kinnear Library.
12. Letter to WPC Sheriff requesting police report on accident and damage to light pole.
13. Letter from WPC Chamber requesting completion of survey on services.
14. Letter to WPC BOCC protesting lifting of restrictions on the Standard Market building.
15. County Commission agendas and minutes (available for review in folder in the hall).
16. Christmas card from Bath Lumber, WPC Clerk and thank you card from Helen Angelopoulos for the left over candy canes.
17. E-mail from IonoWeb informing Council they are adjusting their time frame for the Coffee Shop in McGill.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

No action taken.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported there is a camper that has been parked at the corner of #1 Avenue and First Street for several. When it snows, there will not be any room for the snowplow to squeeze down the road.

The Council instructed their secretary to notify the Sheriff about this and ask if he can have an officer assess the matter to determine if there is any violation, then proceed accordingly.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No animals at large reported.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

No report given.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 42% into their budget year with 27% of their revenues coming in. The Council is presently 42% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief, Lee Garcia, reported that all is going well with the McGill Volunteer Fire Department, they are presently low on the number of volunteers at the Fire Department and EMT Department, but they are still actively recruiting. When the Council schedules their annual budget workshop, they plan on being in attendance to present a proposal.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he presently has 5 lights out, with one reported this evening, he will have 6 lights to report to Linnell Electric.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Schroeder reported that there was only 6 persons in attendance at the Neighborhood Watch meeting. They had a District Court Judge present to give a very impressive presentation. The McGill Neighborhood Watch is actively recruiting new membership.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Schroeder thanked Bonnie Gurr, Joni Drahos, and Stacy Laird for helping with decorating for Christmas. They held a terrific parade with 3 floats, but only 20 kids came to visit Santa Claus at the Senior/Community Center. There are oranges left for anyone who wishes them. Also, she delivered candy canes to the WP Care Center and to the grade school.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Eva Trimble reported that they will suspend with their Friday activities for the next few months. There will be a few of the volunteers absent for a few months, so they will be short on volunteers to man the library.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported that they have held their second bake sale, they had a good time with the parade, and they would like to thank the McGill Volunteer Fire Department for doing such an amazing job.

McGILL VOLLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cynthia Angelopoulos asked if there were any more Christmas decorations stored at the Senior/Community Center.

Council Member Schroeder assured her that she will sort through the boxes in the storeroom.

Council Chairman Winder announced that he will set a Special McGill Town Council on December 30, 2014 to take care of any business that could not be handled this evening.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.