

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on January 21, 2014 at the McGill Senior/Community 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

Absent Council Member:

Ed Dubrutz, Member
Anne Schroeder, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk

Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby asked the Council to schedule 2 agenda items for the next meeting. They will be planning Easter activities and there may be some expenses. Also, the Council has traditionally purchased candy canes for Christmas in the past, but those candy canes will need to be ordered within the next few months. She is requesting these agenda items early to allow sufficient time to place orders so the Town Council can continue to support their local businesses.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND ASSIGNMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Council Member Borovansky motioned to appoint Bob Winder as Chairman of the McGill Town Council for 2014 – appoint Roxane Ballandby as Vice-Chairperson of the McGill Town Council for 2014 – and leave all department assignments the same as previously selected – assign newly appointed Council Member Schroeder as the Senior resident contact person, oversee the Senior/Community Center, and share duties with Council Vice-Chairperson for youth activities.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by majority vote of the quorum present.

SELECTION OF DATE AND TIME FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP – FY 2014/2015:

It was agreed to schedule a special McGill Town Council meeting for February 4, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. for budget workshop. Have the secretary prepare the budget narrative and work with the White Pine Finance Director to obtain the necessary budget figures.

PURCHASE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER NAME PLAQUES TO BE PLACED ON COUNCIL MEETING BENCH:

The secretary reported that this agenda item was requested by Council Member Dubrutz; however, he could not be in attendance this evening. As requested, she obtained the cost estimate for 5 each 2 level gold desk set holders @ \$17.99 each – 5 each 2 inch sliders @ \$9.00 each – and 5 each 1 ½ inch sliders @ \$9.00 each. Total amount of the order would be \$189.85. She spoke with Council Member Dubrutz and he reviewed the cost estimate and supports the purchase of the name plaques for the Council members.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to authorize the secretary to place the order at Ely Times for the name plaques for each Town Council Member.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

REPLACEMENT OF TOILETS AND WASH WALLS, PAINT, AND MAKE OTHER GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MCGILL SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER, AND/OR AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN A PURCHASE ORDER AND REQUEST A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MCGILL SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

This matter had been carried forward from the previous meeting.

It was reported that the WPC Maintenance Superintendent has had his department complete the replacement/repair of the toilets, grease trap, and cooler plug outlet. He explained that the Council may wish to consider placing the cleaning of the screen over the grease trap on the rental agreement, and/or include that duty in the janitor job description. Also, they will be washing and painting the Senior/Community Center January 22nd and 23rd.

The Council suggested that they will need to have all the pictures, maps, etc. taken down and stored in the Town Council office until after the cleaning has been completed.

ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL/DRESS UNIFORMS FOR THE MCGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST A

RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE PURCHASING OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS:

This matter was carried forward from the previous meeting, and it was requested to carry the matter until there was a full board present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated December 17, 2013.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. E-mail from WPC Maintenance Super regarding accomplished work at the Senior/Community Center.
2. E-mail to WPC Maintenance Super regarding washing and painting of Senior/Community Center.
3. Monthly report from Secretary/Clerk.
4. Memo – cost estimate in the amount of \$189.85 for name plaques for Town Council Members.
5. WPC meeting agenda for January 8, 2014.
6. McGill Ruth Water agenda for January 13, 2014.
7. Copy of Official Oath swearing in of Council Member Dubrutz.
8. Letter to WPC BOCC regarding Council of Governments.
9. Memo delivered to Fire, Emergency Services with statement of appreciation attached.
10. Memo for deposit of funds for rental of the Senior/Community Center in the amount of \$40.
11. Letter to WPC DA regarding seeking compensation for repair of street light that was damaged when someone was cutting down a tree.
12. Letter to QUILL ordering minute book.
13. Letter to the Papez family regarding the Pick-a-Pole Contest.
14. Note from WPC Finance Dept. regarding Suburban Propane payment research.
15. Letter from WPC Clerk regarding appointment of Anne Schroeder to the Council.
16. Copy of Official Oath swearing in of Council Member Schroeder.
17. County Commission minutes dated October 23, November 13, December 2, 2013.
18. WPC Fire Commission minutes dated November 13 and December 2, 2013.

The secretary reported that the McGill Town Council is now on the list to receive the County Commission agendas and minutes. There is a holder on the wall outside the Town Council office where a copy of these minutes can be placed so anyone can sit and read them.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were read into the record:

OPI	\$29.99
(monthly copy machine contract)	

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

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

There were no nuisance abatements to report at this time.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOG:

It was reported that there has been a Golden Lab running at large on First Street. The owner of the dog has been turning him out between 7:30 and 8:30 each morning. There are other Golden Labs in the area, but this one dog has been turned out deliberately in the mornings.

Officer Pearson assured the Council that he would make a notation of this so other officers would be watchful for this dog when they conduct their regular patrols.

The Council thanked Officer Pearson and the White Pine County Sheriff's Office for taking the time to attend McGill Town Council meetings when they have time.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

No report given at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 50% into their budget year – 32% of the revenues have come in and the Council is 54% spent. There are still about \$17,000.00 outstanding purchase orders. At this time, the McGill budget is basically sitting in the black.

FIRE/EMT REPORT:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he faxed 5 lights that are out to Linnell Electric. He has also provided the secretary with a copy of the locations of the lights needing repair.

STREETS AND STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there were 13 persons in attendance at the McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting which was held on January 13th. Deputy Pedersen had been called away on an emergency part way through the meeting; however, he did state that he would like to schedule the Deputy District Attorney to make a presentation on domestic violence and what people can do to help alleviate some neighborhood domestic problems.

County Commissioner Coster noted that he has attended some of the District Attorney presentations on the prosecution of domestic violence. He agrees, this will be a good topic for the McGill Neighborhood Watch. He would also like to compliment Deputy Alan Pedersen as he is an excellent public relations representative for the White Pine County Sheriff's Office.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby noted that she has already reported they will begin working on Easter and other activities.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird explained that she did not have anything new to report, but the proprietors of the planned coffee shop is in attendance of this meeting, and she would like to hear their progress report.

Ian Bulloch explained that they have experienced a few delays during the inspection process – they cannot go into the next phase of construction until the inspection is completed. He

understands that the Building Department has been inspecting the swimming pool, the new gold mine construction, and he is still serving as interim White Pine County Battalion Chief. As a result of the inspection delay, their contractor has not worked for the past 2 weeks.

County Commissioner Coster explained that the Board of County Commissioners recently provided some help for some plan reviews on the swimming pool, and the building official will soon be able to step down as the acting Battalion Chief. With the plan reviewing help, that should help free up some time for the Building Department to resume their other duties.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported that the Library is still having the school come once a month for reading/story hour. They usual average 30 students and 12 parents to read. The Library is not planning anything until Mother's Day. Their next board meeting will be on February 4th.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported that the McGill Revitalization Association, Fire Chief, Library, and Town Council has held one planning meeting to discuss dividing volunteer projects.

Council Chairman Winder asked about the possibility of any new volunteer groups stepping forward to work on any fundraiser or project.

Cynthia Angelopoulos assured the Council that they would be included in the planning meetings. Each volunteer group will pick a project, and if they need help, the other volunteer groups can provide assistance. This way they will not be holding duplicate projects. The McGill Revitalization Association won one of the prizes for the "Pick a Pole" contest that was sponsored by the Papez Family. The MRA held a cookie and candy sale during the holidays as a fundraiser, and their next fundraiser will be in May when they hold their yard sale at the Ball Park. She would also like to know if the MRA could begin holding their monthly meetings at the Senior/Community Center.

The Council did not express any objection to the MRA holding their monthly meetings at the Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for further comments from the audience.

County Commissioner Coster noted that he was in attendance of the Neighborhood Watch meeting. There had been a discussion about security camera to aid the Sheriff's Office in identifying vandals, or other incidences.

Council Member Borovansky noted that he would like to discuss this during the budget workshop, and he would like the secretary to place that request in the budget narrative.

Ian Bulloch, inquired about the McGill neon entrance sign.

It was explained that Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby worked on this grant, the secretary assisted her, and Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby obtained cost estimates from Yesco for the neon signs. The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) grant application was sent off, and the Council received the grant award with a notation that McGill ranked very high in their scoring. NDOT representatives (including engineers) came out to McGill to conduct their environmental assessment, they all walked the proposed sites and selected the locations for the replacement of the entrance signs. At the 11th hour, the grant was cut due to budget constraints.

Ian Bulloch asked if this was something that the Town Council could take on as a project, and if they could afford such a project.

The secretary explained that she still has the complete file. The Town Council currently has a fund balance of about \$200,000. The Council can ask the Board of County Commissioners to augment funds from the fund balance (accomplished by resolution) to pay for the neon signs. If the Council does not wish to deplete their fund balance, the McGill Town Council has borrowing capacity as they have borrowed previously when they purchased the blue fire truck (9 year medium term financing). McGill has retained their capital outlay line item, with capital outlay interest as a separate line item.

It was agreed that Commissioner Coster and Ian Bulloch will meet with the secretary to review the file for the neon entrance signs on Wednesday, January 22nd at 2:30.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or questions to be brought before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.