

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on July 15, 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
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Borovansky, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Anne Schroeder, Member

Absent Council Member:

Ed Dubrutz, Member (first part of the meeting)

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk
Mike Coster, County Commission Liaison
Stacy Laird, McGill Revitalization/Business Rep.
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization
Cheryl Windle
Kenneth Winkle
Jesse Ciscar, Parks Assistant/McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center
Ian Bulloch, IonoWeb/McGill Coffee Shop
Elizabeth Bulloch, IonoWeb/McGill Coffee Shop
Nancy Johnson
Breanda McConaha, Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary

Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

Cheryl Winkle addressed the Council explaining that they have recently moved permanently into their home located at the corner of Third Street and Avenue I. There is an erosion problem at the rain gutter, or storm drain, which has washed out leaving a huge hole in the street at the front of their home. The culvert is exposed and is sticking out. The hole is so large that they cannot access their driveway. Also, she has witnessed pedestrians and children riding their bicycles and

they have fallen into this huge hole. She is afraid someone will become seriously injured if this is not repaired soon. She has called this in to the County Road Department, they came out and took pictures; however, the problem still exists.

County Commission Coster informed her there is a Road Commission meeting held once each month. He would suggest that she attend their next meeting and express her concerns. He will also bring this matter up to the Road Supervisor.

The Council directed their secretary to follow this up with a written memo to the Road Supervisor.

Council Member Schroeder noted that the Council has now entered into their new budget year. She would like to have an agenda item to open discussions regarding the Senior Center Janitorial position. She would like to begin reviewing the job description so the Council can consider filling the position.

The Council directed their secretary to place this matter on the next agenda and to provide them with copies of the draft job description.

Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary presented to the Town Council the old original pitcher's mound. This pitcher's mound was dug up and it is in surprisingly good condition. The volunteers who worked on the Little League Field autographed it, then sprayed it with a sealer.

The Council thanked all the volunteers, noting that they will need to think about the best way to preserve and display this. Until it can be displayed securely, it will remain in the secretary's office.

REQUEST/REPORT ON CERTIFICATE OF EVENT INSURANCE TO HOLD LABOR DAY STREET DANCE ON AUGUST 29, 2014 AT THE LOT NEXT DOOR TO THE MCGILL POST OFFICE:

The secretary provided the Council, and a representative of the McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, with a copy of the "Certificate of Insurance Coverage" that she just received. The original has been mailed to the owner of the property, Debra A. Donaldson, etal. residing in West Jordan, Utah. Because the Woman's Auxiliary is a sub entity of the White Pine County Fire District, of which they are covered under the White Pine County basic liability policy, there appears to be no extra charge for this insurance.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE MCGILL SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Council Member Schroeder reported that she needs to purchase paper towels, tissues, Rat killer, and other supplies. She is seeking authorization from the Council to make this purchase.

The secretary reported the Center had run out of paper towels and a member of the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center purchased some. Therefore, there will be a need to purchase enough paper towels to reimburse her. Normally small purchases can be made through the payment of bills/authorization to purchase; however, because this action requires reimbursement, she felt it needed to be placed on the agenda.

The Council authorized Council Member Schroeder to make the necessary purchases.

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

It was noted that this matter had been carried forward from the previous meeting.

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that the NDOT District Engineer, Randy Hesterlee, was out of town and not able to attend this meeting.

Council directed the secretary to carry this matter on the agenda again.

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

Jim Garza, WPC Economic Development Office addressed the Council explaining that they have contracted with JCR Construction for the cement work at the Ball Park. They have brought in railroad ties and new planks. They will be working on the 2 original dugouts. They are doing the metal work and will pour a floor. There will be an 8 X 8 concrete handicapped pad and sidewalk for ADA accessibility by the parking lot. Once that is finished they will review their remaining funds. If there is sufficient funds remaining they will survey the bleachers for historical preservation and to ensure it meets ADA requirements. The next phase (round 15 of the SNPLMA granting process) will be to replace the sprinklers, replace the park wiring fixtures. Within the next 30 days they should have a better idea on how much money they will have left.

Jesse Ciscar, Parks Assistant, reported on the Little League Field. There are a few areas that will need to be filled in. Kids are playing on the Little League Field and they are still waiting on the delivery of the scoreboard. As soon as it is delivered, they will have it connected.

Jim Garza noted there is a flagpole at the Ball Park that he would like to have restored so a flag can be hung.

It was noted that the County Maintenance Department may have a bucket truck so they can rise up high enough to make repairs to the flagpole and restring rope.

Joni Drahos, MRA, explained that they have already had a flag donated.

Council Chairman Winder pointed out that outdoor flags do not last long, so they will need to consider options for future replacements.

STATUS REPORT ON SMPLMA GRANT PROJECT TO AVENUE K PARK:

It was noted that this is a write in agenda item that was announced at the beginning of the meeting.

Jim Garza explained that their office contracted to make improvements to the Avenue K Park. This was also a SNPLMA grant. There will be sidewalks all around, new sprinkling system, cement pad at one end and they are digging down so they can install a proper soft base for the playground equipment. The soft base and the playground equipment will be delivered to all the other park projects at the same time, so there may be a slight delay in having the equipment set up.

The Council thanked Mr. Garza for his hard work and for taking the time to attend this meeting to update the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated June 17, 2014.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Letter from White Pine County Finance Department requesting copies of the vehicle insurance information be placed in every vehicle.
2. Memo regarding status of Nevada Slag.
3. Letter to Ely Times regarding invoice.
4. Letter to White Pine County Maintenance Supervisor informing him that the McGill Town Council ratified the payment to Red Rock Transport.
5. Letter to Chris Flannery thanking him for the service he provided to the McGill Town Council.
6. Letter to State of Nevada thanking them for their assistance in collecting job applications.

7. Letter to Dee Fullmer and Jesse Ciscar regarding employment at the Parks.
8. Monthly report from the secretary.
9. E-mails regarding "Event Insurance".
10. Avenue K Park SNMPLMA grant project plans.
11. County Commission agenda for July 9, 2014.
12. County Commission minutes for March 31, March 28, April 4, April 9, April 23, and June 2, 2014.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Council Chairman Winder read the following bills into the record:

Linnell Electric (repair of street lights)	\$400.00
Pony Express Service Mart (parks gas)	\$324.55
Bath Lumber (park supplies/repairs/trees)	\$720.21
Delores Manchester (reimbursement for postage)	\$ 40.00
OPI (monthly copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99

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

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

There were no nuisances reported.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

There were no animals at large reported.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Jesse Ciscar reported that they have planted 13 trees and they are doing well. They have installed a drip line to water the new trees, and they have placed rock around the trees. All the parks are coming along well, and they have been pulling weeds.

Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, complimented the new flowerbed in the front of the Senior/Community Center.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary noted that she provided the Council with 2 months of monthly reports. One report is for the month ending in May, and the other is for the end of year report. She noted by comparison the revenues received between both months, noting there will be one more consolidated tax revenue deposited through the State of Nevada.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Jesse Ciscar reported that this has been a month busy for the McGill Volunteer Fire Department. There had been a brush fire at Lages Station. There had been 3 auto accidents they responded to, with 2 of those calls outside WPC. They also assisted with a few medical assist calls for the EMT Department.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he just had 5 lights repaired, asking if anyone knew of any new lights out.

Stacy Laird reported that the light at #27 Avenue D had been worked on, but it still is not work.

Council Chairman Winder assured her that he would list this for the next time they are in town working on our lights.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report given; however, there was a concern expressed under public comment about the drainage culvert at the corner of Avenue I and 3rd Street.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there were 12 persons in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They also had picked up a new Neighborhood Watch member. Deputy Penny Robinson was in attendance to answer any questions. Officer Robinson will continue to support the McGill Neighborhood Watch Program, whether she is elected Sheriff or if she remains as a Deputy, as she feels this program is a great asset to their department.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Nothing to report at this time.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Representative, reported the reason Nevada Slag had shut their gates was because they could not keep up with the Federal regulations and their permitting fees were \$20,000 per year. That fee is the same for a small company like their business, or for large corporations. They did have one large corporation express an interest in purchasing their business, but they preferred to be close to a rail line. The McGill secretary had informed them there was a possibility that the Tiger Discretionary Grant (5 year project) could possibly be awarded so they need to keep in contact with McGill. In the meantime, Nevada Slag has been selling off some of their equipment, such as their scale.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, noted that they have their monthly check for internet fees in lieu of rent, she will deliver it to the secretary. They discussed cleaning the Senior/Community Center at their last meeting, their Book sale was not as successful as they had hoped, so they will be asking if they could put a display at Bradley's Bestway Market. They will also be changing their meeting date closer toward the end of the month, they will write their new date on the calendar.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION REPORT:

It was reported that they will be preparing for the annual Labor Day festivities.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT:

Brenda McConaha, Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary, addressed the Council stating that they will be holding a "Meet and Greet" on July 19th at the Fire Station. They will have a fire extraction training session for people to view. With the Council's permission they will have a Bounce House at the Kinnear Library lawn where they can be soliciting volunteer firemen. They are all pleased to hear, because the liability insurance, that they will be able to have the Labor Day street dance at the parking lot next to the Post Office this year. The band will play both Friday night and Saturday at the Swimming Pool. They will not be serving any food for the street dance, but they have left it open for the local businesses to provide the food, or if anybody wishes to set up a booth.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for further comments from the public.

Jesse Ciscar, McGill Volunteer Fireman, informed the Council that their department will be placing flags along Main Street, but some of their flags are becoming worn, he would like to know where to obtain more flags.

The secretary informed him that the County Clerk's Office receives flags by the case. Those flags are for distribution to organizations who wish them.

County Commissioner Coster reported there will be an open house at the Airport this weekend. People will be able to see gliders take off and land. This is open to everyone.

Jim Garza, WPC EDC Director, stated that the new dialysis center will have their grand opening, everyone is invited to attend.

Council Chairman Winder stated, as an employee of the Hospital, he will be attending representing both the Hospital and the McGill Town Council.

Brenda McConaha stated that she heard that the McGill Swimming Pool was no longer providing swimming lessons.

County Commissioner Coster assured her that he will ask the new swimming pool director.

Council Chairman Winder noted that the McGill Town Council was given the impression at the joint meeting with the WPC Board of County Commissioners that nothing would change with the operation of the McGill Swimming Pool.

Council Member Dubrutz arrived for the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

Council Chairman Winder noted that the McGill Swimming Pool was full the last time he was there. In fact there were just as many people utilizing the McGill Swimming Pool as were using the Ely Pool.

Brenda McConaha stated that the McGill volunteer Fire Department usually helps with cleaning the McGill Swimming, especially before the annual Labor Day Big Splash. Labor Day is rapidly approaching and they need to have the McGill Pool cleaned as soon as possible.

Mrs. Winkle asked if the McGill Swimming Pool was in jeopardy of closing.

Council Chairman Winder explained that the Council was told otherwise; however, some of the operation has changed, such as reduced operating hours.

The Council directed their secretary to place this matter on their next agenda for further discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.