

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on March 18, 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
Mike Borovansky, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Anne Schroeder, Member

Absent Council Member:

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Mike Coster, County Commission Liaison
Elinor Blackham
Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Auxiliary
Dennis "Woody" Robinson, Park Manager
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep./McGill Revitalization Ass.
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Association
Jean Bassett, Northern NV Railroad
Mark Basset, Northern NV Railroad
Steve Marques, WPC Sheriff's Office

Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. calling upon Council Member Dubrutz to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

Brenda McConaha addressed the Council stating that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department's Women's Auxiliary will be starting up again.

SUPPORT FOR THE RE-OPENING OF THE MCGILL BRANCH LINE FROM MCGILL JUNCTION TO MCGILL DEPOT:

NOTE: Due to the late arrival of the representative of the Northern Nevada Railroad, this agenda item had been discussed at the end of the meeting, but will be placed in the minutes where it had been scheduled at the beginning of the meeting.

Mark Basset, Northern Nevada Railroad, addressed the Council explaining that McGill had provided them with a letter of support several years ago when they had first made application for

the rail line extension to McGill, but they are requesting another, more current, letter of support from the McGill Town Council for the reconstruction of the rail line from the Junction to the McGill Depot. They refer to the Junction as the portion where the rail line ran across the US 93 just a few miles north of McGill. The reconstruction from the Junction to the McGill Railroad Depot will take about one year. This phase of the grant is in the amount of \$450,000.00. Once this phase is completed they will still need to make application for replacement of the rail line along the pole line in Steptoe Valley, before the project will be completed. Once the entire rail line has been reconstructed, they will be able to begin excursion tours into McGill. They have already obtained grant funding to redo the outside of the McGill Railroad Depot situated at the top of Avenue K, and they have received word that they have received the grant funding to finishing the renovations to the inside of the Depot building.

Council Member Schroeder informed the audience that her grandfather settled in McGill in 1904 and he did the blasting and construction for the railroad.

The Council went on record as unanimously supporting the Northern Nevada Railroad grant for the reconstruction of the rail line from the Junction at US 93 up to the McGill Railroad Depot building located at the top of Avenue K.

FRAMING OF OLD MAPS AND AERIAL PHOTOS OF MCGILL TOWN SITE AND STEPTOE CITY:

The secretary reported that Council Member Schroeder had been cleaning the storage cabinet located in the back storeroom, and she found the 1955 plat map for McGill, Kennecott, and Steptoe City. She also found a ToPo map of McGill's annexation and she found a very old aerial photo of old McGill. They also found a copy of a Congressional Recognition commending Helen Angelopoulos for her efforts in opening and operating the McGill Senior Center lunch program. McGill used to have the largest Senior Community Center in the State, of which they served anywhere from 50 to 80 lunches daily. She is asking the Council for authorization to have these old maps and photos framed so they will not become lost or damaged any further.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to authorize the expenditure of framing the maps and photos. Motion is to obtain a cost estimate and have the secretary poll the Council Members before placing the order.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

Motion carried contingent on cost estimates being obtained and the secretary obtaining verification from each Council Member to proceed.

QUTHORIZATION TO PLACE EARLY ORDER AT BRADLEY'S FOR 2014 CHRISTMAS ITEMS:

Council Member Schroeder reported that she has spoken with the proprietor of Bradleys, they have not received their Christmas order book yet. She did inform her that McGill Town Council was considering a traditional Christmas, with candy canes and oranges. She would like this matter carried on the agenda until the order book arrives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated February 18, 2014.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Excerpts of the WPC BOCC minutes dated December 18, 2013 discussing the status of the Standard Market Building.
2. Memo to WPC Finance Director requesting transfer of funds.
3. Correspondence to Pony Express Service Mart, Marie's Café, C & B Auto, Parts Plus, Bath Lumber, Bradley's Bestway Market, and V & S Variety listing authorized persons to charge in the name of the McGill Town Council.
4. Deposit of funds in the WPC Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$66 for 2 months of rent from the Kinnear Library.
5. Letter to Quill ordering second minute book.
6. County Commission agendas for February 26th and 27th and March 12th (copies available on wall rack next to McGill Office).
7. WPC BOCC minutes dated October 23, 2013, December 18, 2013, December 18, 2013, January 8, 2014, and January 29, 2014 (copies available on wall next to office).
8. Secretary's monthly report.
9. Letter from White Pine County Community and Economic Development soliciting interested persons who would be interested in serving on the WPC Planning Commission.

Council Chairman Winder read the Planning Commission letter into the record, and requested that it be posted at the Post Office so all residents may have an opportunity to read it and consider if they are interested in serving on the EDC's Planning Commission. Letter is attached to these minutes. Anyone wishing a copy may contact the town secretary.

Commission Liaison, Mike Coster, addressed the Council explaining that he has received some information from the White Pine Planning Commission. There is a thick book recently released listing all the new planning and zoning regulations. McGill is the largest unincorporated town in

White Pine, and the Chairman of the Planning Commission (Karen Rajala) is hoping McGill can find someone to represent this community.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record as follows:

OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly copy machine contract)	
V & S Variety	\$ 98.05
(Vacuum, etc.)	
White Pine Chamber of Commerce	\$ 75.00
(Annual Membership Dues)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 24.74
(Cleaning supplies)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 30.31
(Easter)	
Quill Office Supply	\$334.28
(minute book)***	

***It was noted that the Quill voucher did not have an invoice attached, but in an effort of making payment in a timely manner, a notation was made requesting the White Pine Finance Department write in the invoice number and new amount if changed.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Schroeder stated that she would like to purchase some "command strips" for easy hanging of the pictures that had been taken down while the meeting chambers was being painted. She feels that command strips would not damage the walls. She would also like to purchase mothballs and mouse traps.

Council Member Borovansky motioned to authorize Council Member Schroeder to purchase command strips so she could hang the remaining pictures in the Council Meeting Chambers. Motion is to include the purchase of mothballs and mouse traps.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was noted that the red car on the corner of 3rd and Avenue K had been previously red tagged, but is still there. Also there is a trailer full of garbage that has been parked at the corner of 3rd and Avenue J.

Deputy Marques assured the Council that he would look into the matter.

Commission Liaison Coster reported on the status of the building formerly known as the Old Standard Market. There had been an engineer who approached the Board of County Commissioners about the possibility of negotiating a purchase of the building, but his concern was that he would not wish to be saddled with enforcement action to have to bring the building up to code within a certain time frame. This engineer indicated that he may need additional time to complete the necessary upgrades before he would turn it into a viable business.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Stacy Laird thanked the officer in attendance for handling the situation of the dog at large on First Street.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

NOTE: This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting, but because Parks Manager Robinson needed to leave early, he requested that his agenda item be brought forward.

Park Manager Robinson addressed the Council explaining that he and his assistant, Johnathan Pay, will be returning to work in the McGill parks again this summer. Because the weather has been unusually warm this year, they would like to begin earlier than normal. They want to fertilize and eliminate gophers. He will also will be requesting to purchase 2 new tires for the parks pickup truck, and he would like to find a source to obtain the native seeds that had been planted on the hill below the Ball Park.

Council Member Borovansky reported that he has spoken with the County Park Personnel about their assisting with the fertilizing of the lawns.

The secretary recalled that the native seeds had been provided by an employee of USDA (Gerald Miller) several years ago, she will call to see if they have more seeds.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is 67% into their budget year with 58% of their funds spent. Revenues are only at 41%, but she is not concerned about that, as revenues continue to be appropriated through the state and tax payments until August. There is one line item that is slightly overspent at this time, but because the Council is only a few months from the end of their budget year, she would suggest they wait another month before requesting funds be transferred.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Commission Liaison Coster reported that he attended the White Pine County Fire Chief's meeting. It was a long meeting where they accomplished much business. After the 2 ½ hour meeting, they began their training session. The new Fire Battalion Chief appears to be getting along with all the volunteer firemen and fire chiefs.

STREET LIGHTS:

The following lights were reported in need of repairs:

#36 Avenue A

#7 Avenue K

#3 Circle Drive

#11 North 4th Street

Corner of Avenue M and North 4th

#52 North 3rd Street.

Wire dangling from the flagpole and wrapped around the street light at the corner of 1st and Avenue K.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that he had prepared a list of work to be accomplished to the streets and street signs in McGill. This list has been provided to the White Pine County Road Supervisor.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there had been 12 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. The Nevada State Public Defender gave a presentation on how his job affects the community. He explained the process from when the officer makes an arrest, court appointments for his office, and his representation of clients. It is hoped that one of the Judges will be able to attend a future meeting to explain their role in the judicial procedure. Next month's meeting will be held on April 9th.

Council Member Borovansky complimented the efforts of Alan Pedersen in scheduling presentations at the Neighborhood Watch meetings. Future meetings may encompass different

smells, or odors, associated with drug preparations. He will also be planning another presentation by the K-9 dog.

Council Member Borovansky explained that he is still thinking about the video camera being located around town and in the parks. He has concerns about invading privacy and may be attempting to recruit youth as part of the Neighborhood Watch.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Schroeder explained that the Easter Bunny will arrive in McGill on April 19th this year. They have decided to hold an old fashioned Easter with real eggs, plastic eggs, Easter Baskets for the winning age groups. The proprietor of Bradley's Bestway Market donated eggs for the event.

Brenda McConaha reported that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department has also donated eggs and they will color them, as well.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill's Business Rep., reported that the State Contractors Board was in McGill and the owner of the planned Coffee Shop received a fine. She does not know the reason, but the grand opening of the Coffee Shop may have to be delayed until the issues with the contractor is cleared up.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Joni Drahos, addressed the Council explaining that the Revitalization Association will assist with the Easter activities. There is also a group of "Old Timers" gathering on Saturday to bring old pictures and share stories of McGill. If any residents in McGill who do not drive, can be picked up by the MRA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Council Chairman Winder called for any further comments from the public.

Commission Liaison Coster reported that, yes, a representative of the State Contractor's Board was in McGill and other communities. There are very strict requirements for contractors and people need to be aware of who they hire as contractors.

Brenda McConaha explained that a group of volunteers are planning on working on the Baseball Diamond at the McGill Ball Park. They have been working with Court Hall, Little League, and others to bring back the softball games. The McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary will be working on fund raising efforts for the renovated baseball diamond and they will donate their fundraising proceeds to the MRA. Some of the work may require cutting away grass, marking the diamond, etc.

Council Member Borovansky noted that they will need to coordinate with the McGill Parks Manager and the White Pine County Parks Department.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to come before the McGill Town Council, their Regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.