

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on May 20, 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

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk  
Jesse Ciscar  
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.  
Stacy Laird, Business Rep./McGill Revitalization Assoc.  
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.  
Hal Hollingsworth  
Terri Curto  
Andy McVicars  
Mike Coster, County Commissioner

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Council Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chairman Winder called upon Council Member Dubrutz to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this time.

REQUEST PERMISSION FOR MRA TO USE THE AVENUE K PARK FOR A YARD SALE:

Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Association, addressed the Council asking for permission to use the Avenue K Park on June 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 A.M. for a yard sale. Last year they utilized the Ball Park, but it was difficult to bring in larger items through the gate. They will allow anyone to set up a booth for a fee of \$10 and the booth renter will keep all their proceeds. Funds generated for this community yard sale will go toward the projects the Revitalization Association is working on.

Council Member Borovansky motioned to allow the McGill Revitalization Association to use the Avenue K Park on June 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 A.M.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF JONATHAN PAY FROM THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT GROUNDS KEEPER:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to accept the resignation of Jonathan Pay as the Assistant Park Grounds Worker.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

EXECUTION OF LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR JONATHAN PAY:

Each Council Member signed the letter of recommendation.

INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT GROUNDS KEEPER:

Only one of the 3 applicants appeared for an interview (Matthew R. Stratton). Questions were asked, however, the Chairman stated that the Council will conduct other business while they considered the applicant.

REQUEST THE MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL TO PURCHASE THE REGULATION CLAY FOR MCGILL LITTLE LEAGUE BALL FIELD DIAMOND:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization, provided the Council with copies of cost estimates for 2 shipments of regulation clay for the baseball diamond in the amount of \$3,460 each, and an estimate for 2 scoreboards in the amount of \$5,700. They are hoping the Town Council can help finance these larger items, then their organization can conduct fundraisers to pay for the smaller expenses. They have many volunteers and equipment lined up and they would like to complete this project by the end of June so McGill youth can begin playing.

Council Chairman Winder noted that this is a very worthy project and good for the community.

Council Member Borovansky explained that he has spoken with several people in the community and has heard positive comments about the project.

Council Member Dubrutz asked if they had enough youth wishing to use this Little League diamond. Also, these price quotes are only good for 60 days, so if this is approved, they will need to act swiftly.

Joni Drahos, MRA, answered in the affirmative. They have several teams lining up already. They will be placing articles in the paper informing the people that Little League will be starting up again.

The secretary explained to the audience that this is not a budgeted item, if the Council approves this expenditure there is a certain amount of paperwork involved in augmenting funds from savings (fund balance) and moving that money into the current year budget. Correspondence will have to be sent to the WPC Finance Director, a Resolution will have to be prepared, and the matter will have to be placed on the White Pine County BOCC meeting agenda for them to vote on the augment of funds. Because costs vary, she would suggest, if this approved, that the Council set a higher amount needed.

Council Chairman Winder stated that he would suggest they continue with their fundraising, as this would give the residents a sense of community ownership.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to authorize \$10,000 be augmented from McGill Town Council's fund balance (savings) and moved into the current fiscal year's budget for the purpose of purchasing 2 shipments of regulation clay and 1 scoreboard for the Ball Park improvements and re-building of the Little League diamond. Motion also directs the secretary to obtain the necessary purchase orders.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF REQUEST TO THE WPC BOCC ASKING TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT FUNDS FROM MCGILL'S FUND BALANCE (savings) INTO MCGILL'S CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE REGULATION CLAY FOR THE MCGILL LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD:

This matter was handled under the above listed agenda item.

AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE/HANG BANNERS AT THE MCGILL BALL PARK ADVERTISING SUPPORTERS OF THE MCGILL LITTLE LEAGUE:

Joni Drahos explained that they would like to hang banners advertising supporters of the McGill Little League. They would like to hang the banners purchased by businesses throughout White Pine County on the tall fence facing the highway, the local McGill supporters' banners will be hung on the lower fence surrounding the Little League diamond.

Council Member Borovansky asked if anyone had checked with the Nevada Department of Transportation if hanging banners was allowed along the state highway.

Hal Hollingsworth answered in the affirmative, he had contacted NDOT and learned that the tall fence is outside their right of way, so they had no problem.

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the hanging of banners inside and along the perimeter fence line.

REQUEST MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A SUPPORTER OF THE MCGILL LITTLE LEAGUE:

Joni Drahos explained that they are soliciting supporters of the McGill Little League. She is asking the McGill Town Council if they would like to support the Little League by purchasing a 4 X 5 foot banner. This banner will cost \$125 and will be hung on the fence surrounding the McGill Little League diamond.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to authorize the expenditure of \$125 to the McGill Revitalization Association for the purchase of a banner displaying the McGill Town Council Logo showing the Council's support of the McGill Little League.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Council Member Schroeder asked if this would be an annual fee.

Joni Drahos explained that they will take the banners down when not advertising the supports of the Little League. Possibly this banner will last a few years before it will have to be replaced.

AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE EARLY ORDERS AT BRADLEY'S BESTWAY MARKET FOR 2014 CHRISTMAS ITEMS:

This matter was carried to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the Special Joint Meeting with the WPC BOCC dated April 15, 2014.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Council Member Dubrutz abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated April 15, 2014.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Council Member Dubrutz abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Letters to Christopher King, Matthew R. Stratton, and Aleathea Gingell setting date and time for parks interviews.
2. Donation in the amount of \$100 from Harry Rhea for the McGill Swimming Pool.
3. Donation in the amount of \$250 from the McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water General Improvement District.
4. Secretary's monthly report.
5. Deposit slip in the amount of \$100 for the McGill Swimming Pool.
6. Note from WPC Building Official, Chris Flannery.
7. E-mail from EDC Director, Jim Garza, regarding Little League Field.
8. E-mail from WPC Finance Director, Elizabeth Francis, answering the question raised regarding insurance for Little League.
9. Memo to Kinnear Library requesting they leave their door unlocked for Maintenance inspection.
10. Memo to WPC HR regarding Personnel Action forms.
11. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$20 in the WPC Treasurer for money found on the floor.
12. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$66 for Kinnear Library for internet.
13. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.
14. WPC BOCC meeting agendas for April 23, 24, & May 14<sup>th</sup>. (located on wall by office)
15. Memo to WPC Maintenance requesting duplicate Kinnear Library key.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Pony Express Service Mart (motor vehicle fuel)	\$151.21
OPI (copy machine maintenance)	\$ 29.99
Mike Borovansky (reimbursement for picture frame)	\$ 18.17
Bradley's Bestway Market (Easter Eggs)	\$ 23.76

Creations (framing of maps)	\$505.05
Bath Lumber (park supplies and repairs)	\$397.38

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

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Council Member Borovansky abstained from voting on the voucher made out to him in the amount of \$18.17 for reimbursement.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

No nuisances were reported.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there had been dogs at the Pony Express Service Mart, the dogs were chasing the children, and it was reported to animal control, so hopefully, they will catch the dogs.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Parks Manager, Woody Robinson, reported that before his helper left, they had installed some garden planters. He has planted some vegetables and flowers, and still has some plants ready to plant as soon as the weather is more favorable. He cleared away some rocks from under the bleachers and made planters out of them as well. He is hopeful that, when the new helper has been hired, he can begin working at the Kinnear Library building. He has fertilized and mowed the Avenue K Park. He has put Round-Up along the gutters. He would like to put another horse shoe pit in and would like to put a picnic table in that area. The Town Council has sent sympathy letters this past year and has offered to plant "In Memory Trees". He believes the Council owes 5 trees, but he would like to acquire 5 additional trees. He has asking the Council for 2 purchase orders for \$500 each (Bath Lumber and Radley's).

The Council requested the secretary to notify Nathaniel Robertson of Day Engineering (engineering firm working on the SNPLMA grant for the Ball Park. If he is still the engineer working on the project, the Council would like to have a status report.

Council Member Dubrutz inquired how severe the vandalism has been to the sprinklers in the parks.

Parks Manager Robinson answered that the town is not doing so well this year. He has had to make repairs to the sprinklers and to some of the pipe. These repairs are difficult to complete without a second person's assistance.

#### SELECTION OF SEASONAL PART TIME ASSISTANT PARKS WORKER:

Parks Manager Robinson stated that he is willing to give the only applicant a chance.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to hire Matthew Stratton as the Assistant Grounds Keeper for McGill.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Stratton was instructed to appear at the office of the WPC Human Resource at 11:00 A.M. to comply with the pre-employment paperwork and testing.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

No report given.

#### FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief, Lee Garcia, reported that everything is going well with the new Battalion Chief. They had a Chief's meeting and they are talking about a web site for the WPC Fire District. They have now received the new Turn Outs and will be posing for pictures at 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

Commissioner Coster explained that more than 2 Town Council Members can gather together without posting an agenda, providing it is a social function and they do not discuss any matters leading to a vote.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia explained that McGill has 3 cutters (2 large and 1 mini). Because the Town Council purchased this equipment, they are asking for permission to temporarily loan one of the cutters to Cherry Creek.

Council Chairman Winder explained that he feels that all of the agencies should work together.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia informed the Council that McGill has lost 2 volunteer firemen, but they feel confident they will be able to recruit more volunteers.

#### STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder noted that someone had reported some lights out during the previous meeting. He followed through and inspected the locations and did not find those lights to be out. Presently there are 4 lights out, but he needs 5 lights out before he can call in the repairs.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that the County Road Department has done their repairs and have cleaned the streets.

Andy McVicars reported that the stop sign by the Bench Road has been knocked down.

Council Member Dubrutz noted that it was undetermined if that stop sign was within McGill's jurisdiction, but he would look into it.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there were 12 persons in attendance of the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They did not have a guest speaker, but they had a good question and answer session. Deputy Pedersen has one of the Judges lined up to make a presentation at a future meeting. Deputy Pedersen informed the audience that May is "Click or Ticket" month. The Sheriff's Officers will be issuing citation if you do not have your seat belt connected. They are also enforcing the "No Cell Phone while driving".

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Schroeder thanked the McGill Revitalization Association for helping with the Easter activities. She may need to call upon them for assistance with Christmas activities.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported that the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center held a Mother's Day raffle. They raised \$400 to go toward their activities.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc., addressed the Council stating that they have been very busy attending a lot of planning meetings. They are planning their community yard sale on June 14<sup>th</sup>, they are planning their activities for Labor Day. Presently they are looking for recipes for a MRA Recipe Book that will be sold during the Labor Day festivities.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIARE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:



McGill Fire Chief Garcia reported that the Women's Auxiliary held a dinner and brought in \$265. They held a pizza sale and earned \$530. They are planning a BBQ by the Rail Road Depot in Ely, and they are planning a soccer sale.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner Coster reported that the County budget will be finalized on May 28<sup>th</sup>. They incorporated the 1% tax, which excludes the City of Ely. The pool budget is separate from the County budget. The Ely Swimming Pool will open in July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a proposal dealing with the City and County Fire Services. Community Range Day is on Saturday at 10:30 to 1:00.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia thanked everybody. Noting that it is good to see this town is working very well together.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.