

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on April 21, 2015 at the McGill Senior/Community Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:05 P.M.

The Following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Borovansky, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Vacant Seat

Also in attendance:

Gary Perea, WPC BOCC Chairman
Mike Coster, WPC BOCC Member
Carol McKenzie, WPC BOCC Member
Laurie Carson, WPC BOCC Vice-Chairperson
Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk
Kathy Ricci, WPC Human Resource Director
Brett Waters, WPC Fire District Chief
Jim Garza, EDC Director
Elizabeth Francis, WPC Finance Director
Bill Calderwood, WPC Maintenance Superintendent
Elaine Blackham, EDC Office Manager
Elinor Blackham
Joni Drahos, McGill Ruth Water & MRA
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Stacy Laird, McGill Revitalization Assoc. & Business Rep.
Cheryl Noriega
Lee Garcia, McGill volunteer Fire Chief
Dennis (Woody) Robinson
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center
Bonnie Gurr, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center
Brenda McConaha, McGill Fire Department Women's Auxiliary
Chris Collis, Kennebecott

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

EDC Director, Jim Garza, provided an update on the SNPMA grant projects. Stating there is \$40,000 to \$45,000 remaining in the Ball Park grant. They will begin with the restrooms that have to be ADA compliant, there will be new plumbing and electrical. If funds are remaining, they will work on the dugouts and they will try to keep the historical appearance of the bleachers. EPA funded the Kinnear Library hazardous materials and the removal of the transformers at the Ball Park.

APPROVAL OF PERSONEL ACTION FOR THE RE-HIRE OF MCGILL PARKS MANAGER:

Council Member Borovansky motioned to re-hire Dennis “Woody” Robinson for the summer season.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE ROOF AT KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING – COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 AND/OR AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST BOCC TO AUGMENT FUNDS FROM MCGILL’S FUND BALANCE TO FINANCE REPLACEMENT ROOF AT KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

White Pine County Maintenance Superintendent, Bill Calderwood, addressed the Board explaining that the EDC Office obtained grant funding to identify and remove hazardous materials at the Kinnear Library Building. He explained that the roof did contain asbestos. Once the roof containing the hazardous materials has been removed, it will be necessary to replace the roof immediately following the removal. He has obtained a cost estimate from R & R Roofing for the replacement of that roof. Estimate is in the amount of \$14,142.37. He does not have an exact date when the roof will be removed, but he would like to have approval for the replacement roof so he can have time to advertise for bid and schedule the work. He is hopeful that this work will be completed this fiscal year. The McGill Town Council has expressed interest in the Kinnear Library Building and he is asking for their financial assistance.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the expenditure to replace the Kinnear Library Building roof, not to exceed \$15,000.00. His motion also includes requesting the BOCC approve a resolution to augment the McGill fund balance and transfer those funds into this current budget year.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF PART TIME CUSTODIAN:

There were no applications received.

The secretary was instructed to advertise again.

POSSIBLE SELECTION OF PART TIME CUSTODIAN:

No action taken.

INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF SEASONAL ASSISTANT PARKS WORKER:

There were no applications received.

The secretary was instructed to advertise again.

POSSIBLE SELECTION OF SEASONAL ASSISTANT PARKS WORKER:

No action taken.

STATUS REPORT ON ACQUIRING MCGILL CENTENNIAL BOOKS TITLED "OVER 100 YEARS OF HISTORY: AND/OR CD'S"

It was recalled that Silver State Industries' cost estimate was 200 books @ \$22 each (\$4,400.00) and 25 CDs @ \$5.00each (\$125.00). They can no longer ship on the prison bus, so the cost would include shipping.

The secretary reported that she received some e-mails from IonoWeb inquiring about bidding on the printing of the Centennial Books. Ian Bulloch suggested compressing the second edition from 300 pages to 150 pages, whereby reducing the printing costs for the Centennial books.

The Council directed the secretary to request a firm price on printing the Centennial Books.

STUDY OF PROPOSALS TO PURCHASE A NEW OR USED FIRE TRUCK AND/OR A NEW OR USED BRUSH TRUCK TO SERVICE THE TOWN OF MCGILL AND/OR POSSIBLE FINANCING OPTIONS:

McGill Fire Chief, Lee Garcia, provided the Council with specifications on a new fire truck. Stating that, as previously suggested by the Council, they have looked for other options. The Brush truck they had previously talked about was a 1990 model, but it has been sold already. There is another option to consider. They could build a Brush truck by purchasing a basic model, then building/adding on what would be needed in house. When they responded to a fire north of McGill recently, their brush truck broke down and they had to drive back to McGill without lights.

Council Chairman Winder noted that the purchase of this fire truck will take a while. The Council will need to figure out what their borrowing power will be. He does not know if it is possible if part of the cost could come from the Fire District if the Council partners with the County.

Elaine Blackham, EDC Office, explained that she can check with USDA if they can help with fire apparatus. She would also note that there is a huge liability when the firemen have to drive the old brush truck back into town in the dark without lights.

The secretary explained that a tax override is doable. The last time this was achieved in an unincorporated town was when the Town of Ruth's ballot question passed so Ruth could have better care and maintenance of their streets. Also, she was secretary the last time McGill financed the blue fire truck. The truck cost \$99,000.00 – financed for 9 years – payments were over \$13,000 annually. Those payments left McGill with a tight budget and there were times when it was difficult to keep all the other services up. If the new truck were to cost more than a hundred thousand, then she would suggest that McGill augment from the fund balance anything over a hundred thousand.

Council Chairman Winder stated that if McGill purchased a scaled down fire truck, and/or, if the Fire District helped, could McGill augment their budget in an effort to lower the payments.

WPC Finance Director Francis answered in the affirmative. McGill has a fund balance of over \$200,000.00.

Council Member Borovansky asked what would it cost to fix, or bring the old truck up to code.

Fire District Chief Brett Waters answered that he would have to obtain a cost estimate from Henderson.

Joni Drahos asked if McGill would receive revenues from responding to brush fires.

WPC Fire Chief Waters answered in the affirmative. When they respond as back up to fires on BLM or Forest Service controlled lands they are compensated.

The secretary pointed out that revenues received go into McGill's revenue account, not the current budget.

Council Chairman Winder pointed out that everyone is on the road to working something out. The McGill Town Council has always supported their emergency services. He would like to see this matter carried on the agenda allowing time for the Fire Department to prepare a firmer detailed cost proposal.

PREPARATIONS FOR ALL CLASS REUNION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, stated that the railroad is willing to work with the MRA, but they will need volunteers. The grade school is working on a float and they are looking at school tours.

Joni Drahos explained that the mine is donating busses so people do not have to drive their own vehicles.

PREPARATIONS FOR PROJECT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP:

No suggestions at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated March 17, 2015.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Letter of resignation from Anne Schroeder from the McGill Town Council.
2. Letter from the NDEP approval of scope of work for the removal of hazardous materials from the Kinnear Library building not to exceed \$12,672.27.
3. Letter from State Historic Preservation Office placing the McGill Railroad Depot building on their register.
4. Letter from Lionel Hastings regarding property taxes in McGill and suggesting that McGill incorporate.
5. Memos to Nv. Job Connect Office and WPC HR regarding park assistant and custodian positions.
6. Letter to two applicants inviting them to the meeting for interviews.
7. Memo to WPC Finance regarding damaged street light repair line item.
8. Memo to Kinnear Library/Cultural Center regarding keys.
9. Secretary monthly report.
10. Memo to WPC Road Supervisor regarding slag ditch.
11. Deposit in the amount of \$70 for rental of the Senior Center.
12. Deposit in the amount of \$132 from the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center for rental of Senior Center.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Council Chairman Winder read the purchase order requests into the record, explaining that another street light had been struck by a vehicle on Main Street.

Linnell Electric (replacement pole)	\$3,486.00
Dirt Works (removal of damaged light pole)	\$1,100.00

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the above listed purchase order requests.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The following bills were read into the record:

Ely Times/Battle Born (Parks ad)	\$ 55.00
Linnell Electric (light pole replacement)	\$3,486.00
IonoWeb (quarterly web page maintenance)	\$ 135.00
OPI (monthly copy machine)	\$ 29.99
Bradley's Bestway Maarket (Easter supplies)	\$ 36.00
Roxane Ballandby (reimbursement for Easter)	\$ 40.00

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting on the voucher to her.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

There were no nuisances reported.

ANIMALS AAT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

There were no animal at large issues reported.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

WPC Maintenance Superintendent, Bill Calderwood, reported that his crew has turned the water on at the parks, but they did not set the clocks.

Parks Manager Robinson noted that the water line at the top of Avenue K may require a plumber to repair it.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 75% into their budget year – 63% of their revenues have come in _ and they are 58% spent. In the previous meeting a question had been asked about an over expenditure in the street light repairs, she checked in the Finance Office and learned that the last bill had been paid, but was not subtracted from the outstanding purchase order. That has been fixed.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia reported that they have been busy responding to calls and conducting exercise training. They have obtained new lockers. The McGill Fire Station is looking much better since they have cleaned.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder listed repairs as follows:

1. Across from #10 North 3rd Street. - #25 and 1st Street. - South of Avenue O by little concrete building – 7th St behind #17 6th St.
2. Lights that will not shut off – Avenue H & 3rd St. – across from #13 6th St. - #27 N. 6th St.
3. Top of Avenue was worked on last month, but needs more work.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that the County Road Department has replaced some of the stop signs. Also, the secretary had spoken with Road Supervisor Miller regarding the proposed county ordinance for the diagonal striping along Avenue K Park.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovanksy reported that there was 9 people in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. Deputy Pedersen was present and provided the attendees with a presentation. He has been checking on line to see what other Neighborhood Watch programs have been doing, and he noticed that they provide refreshments at their monthly meetings because they feel it brings in better attendance. He will begin this to see if it raises the McGill Neighborhood Watch attendance.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Nothing to report.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Eva Trimble reported that they have not had good response with their Story Hour on Friday mornings, so they moved it to Fridays from 4 to 6 PM.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, reported that they are beginning to work on their float. They will be holding their community yard sale on June 20th. They also attended the All Class Reunion planning sessions.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

Brenda McConaha reported that they attended the volunteer group meeting. They will hire a band for the street dance. They will call to order the stage, and they will conduct fundraisers to help pay for the band. They would also need the paperwork listing the owner of the property next to the post office as the additional insured, again this year when they hold the street dance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Winder called for additional comments from the residents.

Elaine Blackham reported that Avenue A is becoming a raceway again. The last time the Sheriff's Office patrolled the area, it stopped the speeders, but as soon as the patrol car leave, they being speeding again.

Several persons in the audience noted the presence of Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Office vehicles in McGill, but the minute they leave town, people start speeding again.

The Council directed the secretary to send the necessary correspondence.

Council Member Borovansky requested that a tree be planted in memory of the McGill secretary's mother who recently passed. The secretary thanked the Council for their thoughtfulness.

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported that the gate, facing Avenue G, at the Ball Park needs fixing. The spring bangs so hard that it smacks people going through it.

WPC Maintenance Superintendent Calderwood asked if she could put in a work order.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.