

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on December 15, 2015 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
Andy McVicars, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk
Kevin Robison, Mt. Wheeler Power
Lee Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Stacy Laird, MRA/McGill Business Rep.
Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA
Bill Calderwood, WPC Maintenance Super.
Brett Water, WPC Fire Chief
Joni Drahos, MRA

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

Council Member McVicars led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

Cynthia Angelopoulos asked on behalf of Helen Angelopoulos if the Town Council would donate 48 candy canes to the White Pine Care Center.

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia assured her that Santa left the remaining candy canes at the Fire/Legion Hall.

Kevin Robison, Mt. Wheeler Power, addressed the Council referring to the correspondence the Town Council sent expressing concerns about the numerous poles left behind when the contractor finished replacing poles. The work was completed by a private contractor. Their job was to replace electrical power and transfer some of the other facilities. There was one facility that did not request their facilities to be transferred to the new poles. He realizes some of the new poles pose a nuisance, but there is nothing Mt. Wheeler Power can do. AT&T now owns the facilities on the older poles.

Council Chairman Winder noted that the City of Ely is also facing similar problems.

Kevin Robison agreed, explaining that the City of Ely is in the process of developing an ordinance to join or eliminate those duplicate poles.

Council Chairman Winder referred to NRS 269.155 through 269.169. The way he is reading this provision of the NRS, McGill can develop their own ordinances. He would direct the secretary to place this matter on the next agenda as an action item. He would also direct the secretary to contact the City of Ely to obtain a copy of their draft ordinance.

Joni Drahos suggested that McGill invite the Town of Ruth to join in on this, as she has heard concerns expressed by the, as well.

Stacy Laird asked in reference to security lights.

Kevin Robison answered that security lights should have been transferred to the new poles, also. Kevin Robison thanked the McGill Town Council for expressing their concerns, and to please not hesitate contacting them whenever there is a problem.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATION TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Bill Calderwood, WPC Maintenance Super, addressed the Council explaining that during the initial sampling, they found asbestos, mold, and lead base paint in the Kinnear Library Building. Brownsfield does not clean up the mold. On the east and north wall, his crew stripped down to the wall all unnecessary materials, they have sealed the wood materials and the ceiling. The next step is to have the sampling to make sure this building is safe to occupy. He has been in communication with CamAir and their bid cost is \$2,690.00 to sample for any traces of mold. There is no guarantee they got all the mold cleaned up, but he is asking the McGill Town Council to finance the CamAir testing costs. His department is hopeful they will be able to complete the framing of the exterior walls this winter.

The secretary explained that McGill had already created and moved \$2,000 into the Kinnear Library Renovation line item, and they have already spent some of that. If the walls are framed, that will be another expense. If the Council approves this, they will need to identify where they would like the funds to come from.

Council Member Dubrutz studied the McGill budget, then motioned to transfer \$3,000 from line item #280-503-53901 (equipment over \$5,000) into line item #280-502-52210 (Kinnear Library) for the purpose of financing the air sampling by CamAir.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

WPC Maintenance Super assured the Council that he would make the purchase order request on behalf of the McGill Town Council.

AUTHORIZATION TO ORDER MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES BOOK:

The secretary reported that she has now brought the minute books up to 1999. With the order that will be approved today, she will be able to index another 4 years. At this rate she will need another 4 years before she will have all past minutes indexed in the permanent books. Cost of this requested purchase is \$500 and this expenditure is a budgeted line item.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to authorize the order of 2 minute books.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

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

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Secretarial monthly report.
2. Letter to Jim Garza thanking him for his outstanding service to McGill.
3. Letter to Mt. Wheeler Power listing concerns about the power pole replacement project.
4. Letter to McGill-Ruth Water District regarding sheds blocking handicapped access.
5. Letter to EBI Consulting supporting new cell tower to service McGill.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE

The following bills were read into the record:

Linnell Electric	\$875.00
(street light repairs)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$211.92
Neighborhood Watch & Christmas Candy)	

OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly copy machine contract)	
Mt. Wheeler Power	\$1,055.00
(Street light reconnect)	

Council Member Borovansky motioned to authorize the bills to be paid as read.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

No nuisances reported.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No animals at large reported.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she did not receive a financial report from the Finance Department this month.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia reported that the new McGill Brush Truck has been completely serviced and totally equipped by the WPC Fire District. Christmas turned out very well, the parade was on Second Street this year, Santa visited, listened to wishes, and handed out candy. The hay ride was a huge success. Also, McGill Volunteer Firemen attended more training over the weekend.

Council Chairman Winder reported that both he and Council Member Dubrutz were given a ride in the new Brush Truck.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he placed the repair order the previous month. He now has 2 lights out and would ask anyone if they know of any other lights that are experiencing problems.

Council Member McVicars provided a list of lights that were out to the Chairman.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Nothing new to report.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported there were 10 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. Deputy Pedersen provided printed materials regarding driving on ice and snow. Additional copies of his printout was also placed at the Post Office.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Nothing new to report.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird reported that she has spoken with the proprietor of Aloha Express. He would prefer to schedule his grand opening next year after he completes his renovations.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Stacy Laird reported there will be a movie night, they will be showing Polar Express. Everyone is invited – admission is free.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, reported that they held their bake sale on Saturday and they participated in the parade.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

Council Member Borovansky explained that he has spoken with Brenda McConaha. She reported their activities went well this year and she thanked the McGill Town Council for their help.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for further comments from the public.

Cynthia Angelopoulos noted that many of the poles on Main Street have already been decorated. The “Pick-a-Pole” contest has been a great idea with many residents taking part in the decorations.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.