

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on February 17, 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
Anne Schroeder, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk
Andy McVicars
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc./McGill-Ruth Water
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for public comment from the audience.

There was no public comment at this time.

DETAILED ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT WITH BASIN ENGINEERING, INCLUDING COST ESTIMATES TO BRING THE KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING UP TO CODE, AND INCLUDING NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Bill Calderwood, WPC Building and Maintenance Superintendent, addressed the Board explaining that he has met with BJ of Basin Engineering. He will be bringing in an architect who will be here on another project, he will give a proposal, he will need guidance on what the Town Council wants, and he can work with one of the Town Council Members or all of them.

Council Chairman Winder explained that he, one other Council Member, and the secretary met with Lisa Goodfellow of USDA to tour the Kinnear Library building. They discussed the possibilities of a loan. It was the requirement of USDA that the abatement of hazardous materials would have to be completed before the loan could be discussed. The EDC office, under the direction of Jim Garza, had obtained a grant to identify the hazardous materials and they have recently obtained a grant to begin abating the hazardous materials that had been

identified. He can contact Mr. Garza to obtain further information regarding that abatement. Also McGill is seeking cost proposals to complete the improvements to the building before any lending application can be made with USDA. This will be an ongoing process as they go through all the steps.

Maintenance Super Calderwood assured the Board that he will set up a meeting with Mr. Garza to see what has been identified. As stated earlier, he has a firm coming on March 16th for the abatement at the Courthouse Annex building, possibly he can combine the projects. If the Town Council is going to occupy the Kinnear Library building, they will have to have an air clearance. He can obtain this proposal in time for the April meeting. His office will also participate in the abatement process and he will work with Basin Engineering throughout the project.

Maintenance Superintendent Calderwood noted that the Kinnear Library restoration project is a good project, but he does not see the McGill Town Council without a home.

Several in the audience and Council explained that the Town Council has already been evicted from the Senior/Community Center once before. In fact, one time they had been asked to relinquish their keys to the building, and they had to pay rent at the rate of \$10 per hour just to hold their meetings in the building. The Council had been planning to move their governing activities to the Kinnear Library building since the 1980's, which is why they had borrowed money to start renovating it several years ago.

The Council thanked Maintenance Superintendent Calderwood for taking the time to attend this meeting and provide his input.

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

The secretary provided the cost estimate for the re-printing of the "100 Year History of McGill" that had been provided by Silver State Industries. Estimate was based on 10 plus books @ \$25 each, CDs @ \$5 each, estimated \$15 shipping fees will be added to all items not picked up.

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, explained that their organization has had people asking to purchase these books. People will be coming home during the All Class Reunion and some of the books can be placed at the Drug Store Museum, as well.

Joni Drahos, MRA, suggested advertising the books for sale on the McGill Web Page.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby recalled that McGill previously purchased 250 or 500 of the books and they had totally sold out during the Centennial Weekend. Her suggestion would be to possibly order 200 books and 25 CDs.

Discussion ensued regarding various options on amount of books, shipping, etc.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the secretary contact Silver State Industries again. Obtain a firm cost estimate on 200 books, cost for 25 CD's, and in an effort to save on shipping, inquire to see if the books could be placed on the prison bus the next time it comes to Ely, or if the books could be picked up at their warehouse.

PREPARATIONS FOR ALL CLASS RENUNION:

Stacy Laird reported that decorations have been donated and are being stored at the Armory building. They also have the option if they wish to build their float at the Armory.

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported that everyone will be scheduling community clean up of the down town areas.

Maintenance Super Calderwood noted that the Town of Ruth will be scheduling bus tours of Ruth, and they are planning on setting up a year book display.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby stated that possibly McGill needs to plan a community/town clean up, as well.

The secretary was directed to place community clean up on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated January 20, 2015.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence sent or received since the previous meeting was listed:

1. E-mail from Elaine Blackham requesting a joint meeting with the BOCC.
2. FYI Census information.
3. E-mail from IonoWeb explaining their delays on remodeling the Blue Building (Old Stage Depot/new Coffee Shop).
4. Kinnear Library tour notes.
5. E-mails from USDA scheduling her tour/visit of the Kinnear Library building.
6. Secretarial monthly report.
7. Work order for repairs of the McGill Senior/Community Center.

8. E-mails regarding the lifting of the nuisance abatement order on the Standard Market building.
9. Copies of BOCC minutes dated December 3, 2014 regarding the formal protest McGill filed regarding their decision to lift the nuisance abatement order on the Standard Market building.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Linnell Electric (repair of street lights)	\$710.00
IonoWeb (3 quarterly maintenance)	\$405.00
WP Chamber (annual Chamber dues)	\$ 75.00
OPI (monthly copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the above listed bills for payment.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported there is a truck parked on Sixth Street, the large blue truck is filled with sacks of garbage that has not been hauled for several weeks. The address to that home is #34 Fourth Street.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Stacy Laird reported that there is a mutt running at large near her home, but she has not been able to follow it home yet. As soon as she determines where the dog lives, she will report it to the Council.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

No report given.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 58% into their budget year, with 36% of their revenues being received, presently McGill is 50% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he recently had lights repaired, presently there are 2 lights out, and one light that stays on. He would note that that particular light was repaired previously, but for a different reason.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that he has not heard back from Road Supervisor Miller regarding the intersection at the Third and Avenue I.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there were 10 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. They discussed the crime spree this past month, they feel that it has been juveniles breaking into vehicles, but the matter is still under investigation. Next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on March 11th.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Schroeder reported that the MRA and Fire Department Women's Auxiliary are presently planning for the arrival of the Easter Bunny. McGill Town Council relies on volunteers to help with activities and she would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their time and dedication to see that special activities are made available to the youth and residents of this community. Also, she will be obtaining candy and eggs for the Easter Bunny to hand out.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird reported that she has spoken with the proprietor of the gas station. He is not looking at closing the gas station immediately.

It was also reported that there is a possible buyer who has been negotiating the purchase of the gas station.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported that the MRA is assisting with the Easter activities.

Joni Drahos presented the Town Council with a reimbursement check in the amount of \$125.00 for the advertising sign that the Council ordered that was planned to be placed at the Ball Park.

KINNEAR LIBRARY:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported that the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center held their meeting to discuss events and their participation in the All Class Reunion. They are not sure if they will be building a float, but they will be discussing this again. The Kinnear Library group did donate \$50 for Easter activities that will be sponsored by the Town Council.

Council Member Schroeder thanked the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center for their donation. She has spoken with the proprietor of Bradley's Bestway Market and learned that she will not be bringing in candy this year. As a result she will need to purchase items from V & S Variety and the Family Dollar.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stacy Laird reported that there is a big piece of rebar sticking up at the corner of Second Street and Avenue J that could be dangerous.

Maintenance Super Calderwood assured the Board that he would relay this information to the Road Supervisor.

Andy McVicars addressed the Board noted that the person residing at the upper corner of Avenue J and Second Street has been digging out the basement. The huge pile of dirt has been heaped at the upper corner for several months. He would think that if McGill should receive any type of heavy rains, that pile of dirt will wash into the roadway. If the dirt is not hauled away that could pose a potential danger to traffic on Second Street.

The Council noted they were not sure if there is a provision in the County Code regarding this huge pile of dirt, but they should have correspondence sent to the Sheriff's Department asking that an officer view the situation, if they determine there is a danger, then ask them to proceed accordingly.

Andy McVicars inquired about the status of the abatement process for the Standard Market building.

Council Chairman Winder explained that the Board of County Commissioners rescinded their abatement order based on a possibly buyer for the building. As far as he knows, the Standard Market building has not been sold yet. He is not sure of the process now, possibly the abatement process would have to be started over again.

Andy McVicars inquired on the status of the McGill Ball Park grant improvement project.

The Council directed the secretary to place this matter on the next agenda and ask Jim Garza to come to the next meeting to give a status report.

Council Chairman Winder recalled that there had previously been a request from the BOCC to schedule a joint meeting. The Council had not made a decision regarding the joint meeting because they had 2 Council meetings scheduled in February. Noting that the McGill Budget Workshop meeting has been planned for February 24th. There is already Council Member who may not attend due to medical appointments. Because of the importance of the budget workshop, he would like all the remaining Council Members to try to be in attendance.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.