

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on July 21, 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:

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Borovansky, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member

Absent Council Member:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Andy McVicars, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk
Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA
Anne Schroeder, MRA
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA
Mike Coster, County Commissioner

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. explaining that, due to prior commitment, the Chairman was unable to attend this evening.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the public.

There was no public comment at this time.

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

The secretary recalled that after the Council went on record allowing the Fire Chief to begin searching for a suitable brush truck but not to exceed a certain amount; she provided a copy of that motion to the Finance Director so she could begin all the necessary paperwork of reporting to the Board of County Commission, the Debt Management Commission, and the Department of Taxation of McGill intent for possible financing.

WPC Finance Director, Elizabeth Francis, addressed the Board explaining that she is in attendance of this meeting this evening because she needed to begin putting together all her

information to provide to the County Commissioners. Once the Town Council receives a proposal that they feel comfortable with, she will need a copy of that proposal. Department of Taxation, Warner Ambrose, was the WPC contact person previously; however, he has recently retired. Mr. Ambrose's replacement is not as lenient and there may be additional hoops that the Council, and her office, may have to jump through. She scheduled this matter on the BOCC agenda for the day following this meeting as a possible action to begin medium term financing.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby explained that McGill has carried this matter on their agenda for the past several months. The Council has given the Fire Chief the cost figures they can afford, and the Council will thoroughly review all proposals before making their final selection. She assured the County Finance Director that the Council will keep her updated on this possible purchase.

The secretary was directed to keep this matter on the agenda.

AUGMENT FUNDS FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT AND PURCHASE OF A NEW OR USED WILDLAND FIRE BRUSH TRUCK, AND TO BEGIN PROCESS FOR FINANCING OF THE TRUCK:

No action taken, this matter is to be carried on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016:

The following purchase order requests for the new budget year were read into the record:

Cedar Grove Pets & FIA Feeds for fertilizer in the amount of \$2,000.00
Alert-All Corp for fire prevention week materials in the amount of \$500.00
QUILL Corp for minutes books in the amount of \$500.00
Sanitary Septic Service for portable toilets for street dance and picnic in the amount of \$600.00
Linnell Electric for annual purchase of street light inventory in the amount of \$4,000.00
Linnell Electric for repair of street lights in the amount of \$7,000.00
Bradleys Bestway Market for annual Labor Day picnic supplies in the amount of \$2,000.00
Lantis Fireworks & Lasers for Labor Day fireworks in the amount of \$5,000.00

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to authorize the purchase order requests as listed.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES FOR EACH TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER:

No action was taken on this matter and the secretary was instructed to carry this agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated June 16, 2015.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence mailed or received since the previous meeting was listed as follows:

1. Senate Bill No. 70 and latest version of NRS 269.
2. Anonymous letter for the repair of street lights.
3. E-Mail from Commissioner Coster to Chairman Winder regarding brush truck questions.
4. Research & response to questions regarding brush truck.
5. Deposit of Funds for rent of the Senior/Community Center.
6. Donation in the amount of \$250.00 from the McGill Ruth Water District for McGill activities.
7. E-mail from insurance company regarding the repair of the street light pole.
8. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$516.00 from McGill Revitalization for Fireworks.
9. County Commission minutes regarding Standard Market.
10. Letter from WPC Clerk and Statement of Qualifications to serve on an Advisory Board.
11. Secretarial monthly report.
12. Anonymous donation/deposit of funds in the amount of \$500.00 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) who dug up 2 trees in McGill.
13. Letter to WPC Sheriff regarding unsightly yards and abandoned vehicles.
14. Thank you letter to the McGill Ruth Water District for donation.
15. Letter to the Editor offering a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for digging up the McGill trees.
16. Open letter to all McGill volunteer groups.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Pony Express Service Mart (park gas)	\$175.45
Steptoe Welding Repair (mower service and repair)	\$ 82.50
Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 10.99
OPI (monthly copy machine)	\$ 29.99

Cedar Grove Pet IFA Fees (fertilizer)	\$1,900.27
Linnell Electric (street light repairs)	\$900.00
Bath Lumber (operating supplies)	\$269.92
Ely Times (Council Member name plate)	\$ 13.00
Gale Tire (tire repair)	\$24.40
Bradley's Bestway Market (cleaning supplies)	\$ 16.99
Dennis Woody Robinson (reimbursement for gas and parts)	\$221.31

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported that the yard at #13 Avenue J has a lot of very tall and dry grass and is very unsightly and may pose a fire danger.

It was reported that the home on Second Street (no address provided), next door to the Methodist Church is cluttered with junk, someone living in the camp trailer, and the lot is surrounded with many vehicles.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the necessary correspondence to the Sheriff's Office.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No concerns expressed.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Member Borovansky reported there has been an unusual amount of vandalism these past few weeks. Newly purchased trees that were planted in memory of residents who passed away, have been dug up and stolen – kids placed cones in the middle of the highway to slow traffic then they threw rocks at the slow passing vehicles – vandals pulled up all the garden vegetables that had been planted below the Ball Park – vandals stole all the tomato trellises – sprinklers were

destroyed at the Ball Park – the dumpster at the LDS Church was rolled across the highway creating a safety hazard.

The Council reported to the audience that they have just signed a letter offering a reward (anonymous donation) to the person(s) who stole the newly planted trees. They are asking all the residents to be on the lookout for any unusual activity at the parks, or anywhere around town, and report that activity to the Sheriff's Office.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill has just completed their Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget year. 88% of the revenues have come in, with 82% spent. Before the final expenditures are tallied, there is over \$22,000 remaining. That remaining amount will get moved over to McGill Fund Balance (savings). There are a few expenses approved this evening that will need to be coded to that budget year before it can be closed. She also anticipates there is one more expense for the replacement of the antique street light pole that had been hit by a semi.

Finance Director Francis explained that there will be 2 more tax disbursements coming in, and she is hopeful to close McGill's budget by the end of August. Once McGill's budget has been closed, she will provide the secretary with a copy of that report.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

It was reported there are street lights out on 7th and 8th street.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz announced that, as requested by the residents, the stripping and one way signs have been completed at the Avenue K Park. The County Road Department has someone living in McGill and he is very good about watching for anything that may require attention.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported there was 9 persons in attendance at the Neighborhood Watch meeting. They discussed various ways to gain more community involvement during the Labor Day picnic and festivities. Next meeting is set for August 12th. If anyone has information regarding the recent vandalism, they can bring their concerns to the next Neighborhood Watch meeting.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported that she has placed the Christmas candy order at Bradley's Bestway Market. She was not certain exactly how much to order, so she requested that the proprietor order the same amount as the previous year.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, addressed the Council announcing that there is a new owner of the Pony Express Service Mart (gas station) in McGill. The new name will be Aloha Express.

Council Member Borovansky encouraged the residents of McGill to patronize Aloha Express. The Town Council has always supported their town businesses, and he would hope everyone else would support them as well.

Council Vice Chairperson Ballandby reported that the owners of Big Al's Store had been in town, cleaned the store inside and outside, and placed a for rent sign. She is asking if the McGill Business Rep. could find out how much they are asking to rent the business and the apartment above the store.

Business Rep Laird assured the Council she would check into the matter.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, reported that they are in the process of planning their Labor Day activities. They will be contacting the other volunteer organizations so they may coordinate their planning in their joint meetings.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called for any further comments from the public.

Council Member Dubrutz referred to the secretary monthly report where she noted correspondence received from a person wishing to purchase some unidentified land. He would like to learn more about this "Common Ground".

The secretary explained that "Common Ground or No Man's Land" has been an issue for many years. McGill had asked the former Assessor, Bob Bishop, for help in clearing up the problem. When Kennecott deeded McGill to the County, they presented a map showing the lots they had deeded to individual home owners, they asked the BOCC to accept the town as it stood. There was no mention to the little strips of land alongside each lot, or the little lots that only had an old tin shed on it. Those tin sheds were sold to individuals with only a bill of sale. There are other situations where lots had been sold to one individual, but the tin shed was given, or sold, to a different person. These little sheds and small strips of land have never been deeded to anyone,

and they have never been taxed. Assessor Bishop researched, but was never able to come up with an answer.

The Council recalled that the newly elected Assessor, Burton Hilton, had appeared before the McGill Town Council to introduce himself and offer any assistance he could offer. Possibly it is time for the Council ask if he could research this “Common Ground or No Man’s Land”. Maybe a new person will be able to come up with a determination.

The Council directed the secretary to research and prepare the necessary correspondence.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.