

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on June 16, 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 (late)
Mike Borovansky, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Vacant Seat

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Clerk
Mike Coster, WPC Commissioner
Brett Waters, WPC Fire Chief
Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA
Stacy Laird, MRA/Business Rep.
Joni Drahos, MRA

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

Council Chairman Winder led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

There were no comments at this time.

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:

Brett Waters, WPC Fire Chief, addressed the Council explaining that he is here representing the McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, as well as himself. He has provided the Town Council with a copy of one 2004 International Wildland pumper truck for listing a sales price of \$185,000, but when he viewed the web site later, the price had dropped. He contacted the secretary before the meeting to inquire about the limit in which McGill could borrow and learned that McGill has some funds in their fund balance, but her suggestion would be not to finance over \$100,000. When they first started discussing the possibility of McGill purchasing a brush truck, they had begun with a \$500,000 figure. Now they are looking at a new, or used, chassis at possibly

\$125,000. That would be a basic truck, then the Fire District would load the apparatus, equipment, and perform all the maintenance. If the Council is interested in that, they could begin the advertising process and see what comes up. Once they find something what fits the Town Council's requirements, he could bring it back to the Council.

Council Chairman Winder commented on the \$185,000 price. The Council would have to study their budget, but the Council could only afford to finance up to \$100,000, repayment for 9 years, would give somewhere in the vicinity of \$10,000 annual payments plus \$2,000 to \$3,000 interest.

Fire Chief Waters explained that these prices go all over. As stated, when he just checked again, the price had lowered to \$150,000.

Council Member Dubrutz inquired about McGill's fund balance.

The secretary explained that the McGill fund balance is at close to \$250,000, but McGill has to keep about 17% in their fund balance to pay all expenses for the first 2 months of the new budget year (July 1st) as revenues do not come in until September. This is why the Council always sets their payment dates on loans to be in, or after September.

Council Member Borovansky noted that an investment of this type would be good for the community, as we are the largest town in White Pine County.

Fire Chief Waters agreed this would be an investment for the community. He looks at the entire fleet for WPC and what is the best fit for all the stations.

Council Member Dubrutz asked what would the Fire District put into the truck. Also, he has seen McGill's truck parked at the "Red Barn" several times.

Fire Chief Waters explained that they do move the trucks around and they also bring trucks to the main station for all servicing. McGill's fire truck is their truck and it will not be permanently removed from the town. His department will install the equipment and conduct all maintenance in the same manner as they maintain the existing trucks.

Council Chairman Winder asked what it would take to secure a truck if they find one.

Fire Chief Waters answered that would be the chance they will have to take.

Council Member Borovansky asked why would McGill need an off road truck.

Fire Chief Waters answered that it was what the McGill Volunteer Fire Department is looking for.

Council Member Dubrutz requested that this matter be tabled until later in the meeting to allow him time to consider the matter further.

NOTE: This discussion is continued on page 8.

PERMISSION TO USE AVENUE K PARK ON JUNE 20, 2015 FOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, explained that the McGill Revitalization Association is sponsoring a yard sale for anyone who wishes to participate. They are requesting use of the Avenue K Park for this activity.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to authorize the McGill Revitalization Association to use the Avenue K Park on June 22, 2015 for the MRA Yard Sale.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

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

The secretary explained that she has not been very successful in calling Silver State Printing. Each time she called she spoke with inmates. So there would not be further delays, she typed the order and mailed it. She will continue to try contacting Silver State until she confirms the order and possible shipment date.

PREPARATIONS FOR ALL CLASS REUNION:

The MRA provided the Council with a copy of the All Class Reunion schedule of events. Noting that both the MRA and the McGill Grade School will be entering floats.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated May 5, 2015.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

NOTE: the June 19th minutes were voted on later in the meeting after Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby arrived (see page 6).

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated May 19, 2015.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed by a majority vote of the quorum present.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the special McGill Town Council minutes dated June 2, 2015.

Council Member Borovansky seconded.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Secretary monthly report.
2. Letter to the Honor Camp requesting their assistance in cleaning McGill.
3. Correspondence and employment paperwork regarding new hires for custodian and parks.
4. Correspondence to Silver State Industries Print Shop.
5. Deposit for rental of Senior Center in the amount of \$40.00.
6. Deposit in the amount of \$66 from Kinnear Library in lieu of rent.
7. Memo to County Maintenance regarding keys.
8. Memo to WPC Finance regarding purchase order request for purchase of Centennial books.
9. Letter to WPC Sheriff thanking him for their services.
10. Letter from the WPC Road Super regarding striping of Avenue K.
11. Letter to BOCC supporting striping of Avenue K.
12. Letter to BOCC regarding sub-committee to discuss Standard Market.
13. Letter to Harry Rhea thanking him for donation to McGill Swimming Pool.
14. Letter to Nevada Highway Patrol thanking them for their service.
15. Announcement in Ethics in Government workshop at the Convention Center.
16. All Class Reunion schedule.

Council Chairman Winder noted for the record that the announcement for the Ethics workshop was addressed to “Advisory Boards”. He would pointed out for the record that McGill Town Council is not an “Advisory Board”. McGill is a “Town Council”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Bradley’s Bestway Market	\$ 10.99
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	
IonoWeb	\$135.00
(quarterly pooter maintenance)	

Bath Lumber (park maintenance)	\$298.19
OPI (copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99
Dennis “Woody” Robinson (gas reimbursement)	\$ 22.26

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 there are some vehicles that have been abandoned in McGill.

One is parked at #6 Fifth Street that has no motor.

Another vehicle (white van) has been parked/abandoned behind the Avenue K Park in front of Nancy Johnson’s home for several months.

Another abandoned vehicle has been parked behind Safety Industries, it has a flat tire (At the time of typing these minutes, this truck has been moved).

It was further reported that there are some homes where the grass has grown very tall, then the grass has dried. Now that the warm weather is here these extremely dry yards are going to pose a fire hazard. A few of the reported homes also have trash scattered around in the yards.

Homes reported are located at:

#2A North Second Street – tall grass, un kept, vacant for years.

#31 Avenue B – had tall grass, some was cut down – but dry grass is still posing a fire hazard.

#29 Avenue B – tall grass that is extremely dry and is a fire danger.

WPC Fire Chief Waters explained that he could not issue citations for fire hazards, as he has not obtained that certification in that field.

It was also reported that people have been working hard to clean their yards, but then the home at #34 Fourth Street had a flatbed truck filled to the top with trash, first the truck was parked on Sixth Street, then they moved it to Fourth Street, then moved again to Sixth Street. There appears to be several months of trash piled in that truck. (At the time of typing these minutes, the trash in this truck has been already hauled to the landfill).

It was also reported that someone has dumped a large pile of tree branches across from the McGill Swimming Pool in the field by the Archery Barn. It was undetermined if the Archery Barn is still County owned property.

It was also reported that the garages at the North end of McGill are becoming more offensive in their state of disrepair. It was also noted that it is difficult to determine who owns these garages, as the land is owned by one person and the garages had been sold to other people. This is a problem that is familiar with the Town of Ruth, as well.

The Council directed their secretary to prepare the necessary correspondence to the Sheriff asking him to have an officer inspect all the above concerns and issue citations if appropriate.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Member Borovansky reported that he has spoken with the Parks Manager and received a report that the parks are going well.

Council Chairman Winder explained that the Council had prepared a letter to the Honor Camp asking for their assistance in cleaning McGill. Because the Council has not received an answer yet, he would like the secretary to contact them again.

Council Chairman Winder reported that he received a phone call from Mayor Van Camp about a community cleanup day in Ely, McGill, Ruth, and other areas. She offered to help bring workers to McGill.

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that she also received a phone call from Richard Howe about coming to McGill on June 21st to help clean.

Commissioner Coster assured the Council that he would check into this matter further.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 92% of their budget year, with 79% of their revenues coming in so far. Presently McGill is 74% spent. McGill is keeping their spending within their revenues, so McGill will be ending their budget year in total compliance.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby arrived for the meeting at 7:47 P.M.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Waters reported that Jennifer Hollingsworth, EMT, attended the McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting and gave a presentation on the fire dangers in and around homes. McGill Fire Department partnered with BLM and gave a presentation at the McGill Grade School. All the fire departments have received a lot of training sessions. They installed new lights in the EMS Building. They are upgrading equipment on all the trucks. The Fire District gave a laptop computer to the fire department for their training purposes. The McGill EMS Building has been cleaned and is organized. They have also upgraded some of the medical equipment on the ambulances.

Fire Chief Waters stated that he would like to give a compliment the McGill Volunteer Fire Department as they have an outstanding group of volunteers.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he has submitted a list of street lights for repair. Some of those lights had been reported the previous month, but additional work is needed. List is as follows:

#50 Furth Street
#32 Fourth Street
#2 Fourth Street
Avenue K across from #13 & #9
Top of Avenue K
#10 North Fourth Street
Across from #2 North Sixth Street
#27 North Sixth Street
Seventh Street behind #17 Sixth Street

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that he has spoken with Bill Miller, County Road Supervisor, The angle parking has been approved. Behind the Avenue K Park there will be only one way street and no parking. There was a stop sign down on 3rd Street and it has been replaced.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported there was 7 members in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. Deputy Pedersen gave a presentation on home security and asked everyone to keep their eyes open for their neighbors. EMT Jennifer Hollingsworth gave a presentation on fire safety in and around homes, and assured the assemblage that she would

return next month to give a presentation on CPR and what people can do in the event of an emergency before help arrives.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Stacy Laird reminded Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby that Trina, Bradley's Bestway Market, informed her that the Christmas candy needs to be ordered soon.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby assured her that she would place that order.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, Business Representative, reported that it appears there will be a buyer for the Gas Station. The new owner is hoping to be able to open the doors in July.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Joni Drahos, MRA Member, presented the Council with an envelope stuffed with cash and checks amounting to \$516.00. She explained that the MRA had a margarita and taco sale as a fundraiser for the annual Labor Day Fireworks display.

The Council directed the secretary to make the deposit.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

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:

Note: This topic is a continuation from page #2.

Council Member Dubrutz stated that he has had time to consider the earlier proposal. He would suggest possibly \$75,000 to be augmented from McGill's fund balance. If the Wildland Brush truck cost from \$130,000 up to \$150,000, the Council could finance up to \$100,000 for 9 years, then use the \$30,000 to \$50,000 for the down payment, then the additional amount could be placed in the new budget to make the first annual payment. He is suggesting this because McGill

would have to amend their budget after they set their payment schedule, this will take time. By using the fund balance for the first payment, the Council could avoid revising their entire budget.

Council Chairman Winder stated that he had been looking at possibly \$130,000. Asking is it Council Member Dubrutz's suggestion to have the motion "not to exceed" \$150,000. He was hoping the stripped down version may be closer to \$130,000, then the Fire District could provide the equipment.

Council Member Borovansky pointed out that the Fire Chief still needs to look for grants, possibly check with BLM, and other sources, to see if they have something to offer. Then bring the final list of possibilities back to the Council.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to authorize the WPC Fire Chief to search for a suitable Wildland Fire Brush truck at a cost between \$130,000, but not to exceed \$150,000. His motion includes authorization to begin the process of financing up to \$100,000 and to tap McGill's Fund Balance for \$50,000, but not to exceed \$75,000. The budget augmentation (\$50,000 to \$75,000) would also include enough funds to make the first annual payment after financing had been secured in the amount of \$100,000. If the Fire Chief is able to locate a suitable Wildland Fire Brush truck, see if he can place a hold on the truck and then bring the proposal back to the Council for their final decision and to begin the process of augmenting McGill's Fund Balance. His motion also includes the secretary to begin the necessary paperwork with the White Pine County Finance Director for the lending process and possible budget augmentation.

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for any further comments from the public.

Council Member Dubrutz inquired of Commissioner Coster on the status of the appointment of a new McGill Town Council Member.

Commissioner Coster explained that there had been 3 applications submitted. One applicant withdrew her application. The Commission and County Clerk are working on an eligibility form that will need to be completed by persons expressing an interest in serving on any Board. Once completed, the form will be sent or all persons serving on boards as well.

Commissioner Coster reported that Andy McVicars had been selected as the new McGill Town Council member.

Commissioner Coster reported that the District Attorney, Judges, ELY mayor, and other agencies are organizing a community clean up. They will be meeting at the County Park, if McGill is interested in participating, they need to be there on June 21st.

The County Commission is still carrying on their agenda discussion regarding the Standard Market.

Council Chairman Winder explained that McGill has already selected their sub-committee, consisting of himself, Council Member Dubrutz, the secretary, Commissioner Coster (hopefully), and the District Attorney (if he is available).

County Commissioner Coster gave a brief history of the Standard Market Building for those who have not heard.

Council Chairman Winder pointed out that McGill did not turn the Standard Market Building in as a nuisance, it was turned in under the Abatement of Dangerous Building Law. He is hopeful that further discussions will result in a favorable resolution of the building.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or questions to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.