

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on March 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
Dennis “Woody” Robinson, Parks Manager
Samantha Fullmer
Chris Hower
Marie Hawkins
Andy McVicars
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center
Stacy Laird, Business Rep and McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Dan Braddock, McGill Historical Drug Store Museum
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Mike Coster, WP Board of County Commissioner
Cheryl Noriega

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

Council Member Schroeder led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the audience.

There were no comments at this time.

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:

Council Chairman Winder noted that there were not any representatives of the McGill Volunteer Fire Department present at this meeting to discuss this agenda item. He would direct the secretary to carry this matter on the next agenda. He would refer to NRS 269.250, in part by

reading a portion of that NRS into the record. Noting there are questions concerning the purchase of this fire truck. He does not question that the NRS states “Unincorporated Town Board or Board of County Commissioners shall support the town’s volunteer fire department”, but he does question how much the Board of County Commissioners has for the financial responsibility. At the last Town Council meeting there was a request to purchase a new fire truck, but the Town Council could not take action because it was brought up under the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The McGill Town Council needs answers. It is not a question of us against them. Since the White Pine County Fire District was formed, how much is the responsibility of the town and how much responsibility is there to the fire district. He feels this is something that may require an opinion from the Attorney General, or the District Attorney.

STATUS REPORT ON SMPLMA GRANT PROJECT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MCGILL BALL PARK:

The secretary reported that she had sent an e-mail to Jim Garza asking for a status report on the McGill Ball Park. She also explained that if he could not appear in person, the Council would ask for a written status report. She has not heard from him.

PREPARATIONS FOR ALL CLASS REUNION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, noted that she has not heard much about this matter since the previous meeting.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

PREPARATIONS FOR COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP:

Andy McVicars referred to the pile of dirt that was left on Second Street when the homeowner dug his basement out, but left the dirt in front of the home where the dirt could crumble and slide into the street.

The secretary explained that the Chairman sent a letter to the Sheriff’s Office asking that an officer inspect the dirt pile to determine if it posed a problem, she also provided a copy to the County Road Department.

Joni Drahos, MRA, addressed the Board asking if the Council could place the dump trailer around town so people could put their trash in it. Possibly they could set up a community cleanup day.

Council Chairman Winder pointed out that the landfill requires some sorting of waste. Also, the dump trailer is county property so only authorized personnel can haul the trailer to the landfill.

Joni Drahos suggested that several trailers be placed and marked for different types of waste materials.

Council Member Schroeder suggested the possibility of people leaving their trash at the front of their homes, then the Council can have the trash picked up.

Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda for further discussion.

INTERVIEW/SELECTION OF APPLICANT FOR THE POSITION OF CUSTODIAN AT THE MCGILL SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Council Chairman Winder reported that only one application had been received and the applicant just rescinded her application.

It was the consensus of the Council to re-post the position.

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

The secretary reported that she has called the office and kept missing connections, so she sent an e-mail to Silver State Industries relaying the questions that arose at the previous Council meeting. As of this date, she has not received an answer from Silver State.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated February 17, 2015.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Schroeder motioned to approve the Special McGill Town Council minutes dated February 24, 2015 (budget workshop).

Council Member Borovansky seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

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1. Letter from Ken Hastings with a copy of correspondence to Senator Harry Reid attached, regarding the Standard Market Building.
2. Secretarial monthly report with attachments.
3. Deposit receipt in the amount of \$125 from the McGill Revitalization Association for reimbursement for McGill banner.
4. Letter to WPC Sheriff regarding complaints received.
5. Letter to WPC BOCC regarding planned joint meeting.
6. Deposit receipt in the amount of \$40 for rental of Senior/Community Center.
7. Environmental assessment for the abatement of hazardous materials at the Kinnear Library.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bradleys Bestway Market (cleaning supplies for Senior Center)	\$29.49
OPI (monthly copy machine contract)	\$29.99
CDW-Government (wireless router)	\$53.44

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the above listed bills for payment.

Council Member Schroeder seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported there is a lot of garbage piled up in front of Safety Industries.

Joni Drahos reported that there is a lot of trash that has been dumped in the slag ditch. Pointing out that the slag ditch is turning into a fire hazard, especially in the area near 1st and 3rd streets. Also the contractor who was replacing the power poles dumped some of their poles in the slag ditch.

Council Member Borovansky reported that he has also received several calls regarding the power poles and trash in the slag ditch.

Discussion ensued regarding who owns the slag ditch. Does it belong to Kennecott? Or does it belong to White Pine County under the control of the County Road Department?

The Council directed the secretary to contact the Road Department to inquire if the slag ditch is their responsibility.

Cheryl Noriega addressed the Board stating that the house across the street from her has a motor home, trash, cars, etc. The address of the home with the piled up trash is #3 Avenue H.

It was also reported there is an extremely unsightly/trashy yard at #8 Second Street.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Dennis “Woody” Robison, Parks Manager, addressed the Board explaining that he may have to return to work this spring a little earlier than usual due to the unusually warm weather. He needs to have tools repaired, he needs to have the water turned on sooner this year, and he will be looking for a summer assistant.

The Council directed the secretary to place re-hire of the seasonal parks manager on the agenda. Also, work with WPC HR and the State Employment Office for advertising for a parks assistant grounds keeper.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 67% into their budget year, 54% of the revenues have come in, and the Town is 53% spent.

The Council questioned why the public works line item #502-52210 shows as overspent.

The secretary assured the Board that she would research this matter.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he has 2 lights in need of repair. The light pole that was hit is now installed and it just needs to be hooked up. Also, while Mt. Wheeler is in town he will be asking them to install a few of the lights around the Avenue K Park.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby, arrived for the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported that there were only 7 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. Officer Pedersen was not able to attend as he was in Las Vegas. They did have a CPR review.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Schroeder reported that Easter is progressing. She will be working with volunteers to color eggs. She would thank the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center for their donation. Stacy Laird and she had purchased candy, and Joni prepared the posters. They are just waiting for the Easter Bunny to make his/her appearance.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

It was reported that Pony Express Service Mart will be closing their mini mart, but they will keep the gas pumps open 24 hours.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Eva Trimble reported that the volunteer library had many new books donated and they are running out of room so they are having additional shelves built to accommodate the new books. They have tried to sell some of their duplicate books, but the sales are not going very well.

Joni Drahos suggested placing their duplicate books in the community yard sale.

County Commissioner Coster reported that the Kinnear Library has had their second stage of the assessment completed. NDEP is funding the abatement of the hazardous materials from that building.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Joni Drahos reported that the MRA has been assisting with Easter preparations, supplies, flyers, etc. The Easter Bunny appears to be missing at the present time, so they are assisting in the search. Also, the MRA will be involved in the Fourth of July parade.

Andy McVicars reported that his wife will be working on a float, the theme of the float is a secret, so it will be hidden at Bath Lumber.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for additional comments from the public.

Dan Braddock addressed the Board explaining that he always have to put together a report to the State listing figures on the visitors at the McGill Drug Store Museum. He used to provide a report to the McGill Town Council and was requested to begin providing the Board with reports again. For the year 2014 there were 165 hours of volunteer hours reported at the Museum, there were 786 store guests, 2389 web hits, 192 e-mails, 345 in state guests, 14 guests from various countries around the world, and 3729 total guests who visited the Museum either in person or by other contacts. The McGill Drug Store Museum will be open during the Fourth of July weekend, but he does not just open on holidays, he will open the Museum any time he has a request. When the Museum was first opened he had several documents on display, but as visitors came in, he was gifted with additional documents that he places on display.

Council Member Schroeder stated that her father was the Assistant Pharmacist at the McGill Drug Store Museum for several years.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or questions to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.