

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on April 19, 2016 at the McGill Community/Senior 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  
Mike Coster, County Commissioner  
Glenn Dolezal  
Chris Maestes  
Raymond Maestes, Jr.  
Elaine Blackham, EDC Senior Assistant  
Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA  
Stacy Laird, Business Rep./MRA  
Joni Drahos, MRA  
Susan A. Merwin

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the audience:

Elaine Blackham, EDC Senior Management official, addressed the Council explaining that the Board of County Commissioners approved the EDC Office to proceed with preparing the SNPLMA grant application. She has been working on the SNPLMA grant application for the McGill Ball Park and she is hopeful that she will be able to submit it by the end of this week. Total dollar amount for the project will be \$996,199.00. She will use the McGill's 100 Years of History Book to be able to include some of the Ball Parks history. She received the McGill letter of support and she assured the Board that she will include it in the grant application.

Council Chairman Winder referred to the memo from the secretary, in which she relayed the discussion with her about the bleachers.

EDC Elaine Blackham explained that the "past is the past" and this application will move the project forward. The bleachers do not meet code so they will have to replace the bleachers with metal bleachers which will be SHIPO approved, but then they will be able to donate the older bleachers to another field.

The Council thanked EDC Elaine Blackham for providing the Town with an update on this grant application.

Glenn Dolezal addressed the Town Council stating that he appreciates the McGill Town Council supporting the Ball Park and the SNPLMA grant application.

Glenn Dolezal stated that he does not like personal vendettas or any type of negativity. He is in attendance at this meeting to discuss the fence around his yard that is constructed of used pallets. He would like to assure the Council that this fence is only temporary and will be replaced.

The Council thanked him for his assurance.

FAILURE TO REMOVE TRASH ACCUMULATIONS AND/OR HAULING TRASH TO LANDFILL; AND IDENTIFYING/DOCUMENTING UNSIGHTLY YARDS, HEALTH HAZARDS, AND ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS:

Council Member McVicars explained that he requested this agenda item because he would like to see the Town of McGill get cleaned up.

It was noted that the McGill secretary had provided each Council Member with copies of the County code regarding the unsightly/unhealthy yards, failure to remove trash accumulations, animals at large, etc. She also provided the Council Members with a copy of the 2001 minutes when McGill had rented a bus and they toured the town along with the District Attorney, Board of County Commissioners, and other department heads. They had identified problem areas and followed through with the cleanup. There was one home at the northern end of town that the property owner had refused to clean his yard, after a few years of citations being issued, the County was able to bring in the Honor Camp to clean the yard. Those expenses were placed on his property taxes, he refused to pay the taxes, and eventually the property was taken tax title and was sold at public auction with all costs being recouped.

Council Chairman Winder explained that none of the Town Council Members are qualified to inspect and identify what constitutes an unsightly yard or a health issue. Nor are the Town Council Members qualified to identify what makes a fire hazard. There are experts in those field that need to be notified, given proper documentation, and allow them to proceed accordingly.

Council Member Dubrutz expressed concerns that McGill may be facing another Standard Market problem.

Commissioner Coster explained that the Board of County Commissioners is still working on the Standard Market abatement.

Commissioner Coster also provided the Council with some of the Code provisions regarding accumulated trash problems, failure to remove accumulations, remedies cumulative, violation and penalty, dog trespassing, dogs in county parks, junk vehicles, and some NRS provisions.

It was pointed out that County Code specifies that all complaints (including documentation) to go the Board of County Commissioners for their recommendations to be forwarded to the Sheriff's Office for them to assess the situation and proceed accordingly.

Commissioner Coster stated that the BOCC has an agreement with the City of Ely Building Inspector that all the complaints need to go to the Building Inspector for his recommendation first.

Council Member McVicars assured the Council and the audience that he will begin receiving concerns from the public, he will then check the concerns out to ensure their validity, then proceed in documenting the complaint.

Brett Waters, WPC Fire Chief, referred to the homes where the laws may present a fire hazard. He believes that White Pine County has adopted the International Fire Codes.

Council directed the secretary to carry this matter on the agenda.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATIONS TO KINNER LIBRARY BUILDING:

White Pine County Maintenance Superintendent, Bill Calderwood addressed the Council explaining that he sent an e-mail to the Council secretary explaining that S & H Engineering and Basin Engineering are moving forward with their joint proposal for code compliant plans for the Kinnear Library renovation project. With the summer season approaching he may not be able to work on this building, but as soon as next winter arrives, his work crew can devote a lot of time.

Council directed the secretary to carry this item on the agenda.

OPTIONS TO CONTROL SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON SOUTH SECOND STREET:

It was recalled that this matter has been discussed for the past several meetings, correspondence had been sent to the County Road Supervisor asking for his recommendations for a possible solution to control the speeding traffic on South Second Street between Avenues A through D. Road Super Miller answered stating that he would meet with the Sheriff, the Commission Liaison, and District Attorney to obtain their comments/suggestions. It was also recalled that Sheriff Deputies have reported to the Council and to the Neighborhood Watch that the Sheriff's Deputies have stepped up their patrol in the area, they have placed the dummy patrol car in the area, and they have placed the flashing speed traveling sign. As soon as the officers leave the area, the traffic speeds up again.

County Commissioner Coster suggested sending correspondence to Sheriff Watts asking him for his assessment on the situation and invite him to attend the next McGill Town Council meeting.

Council Chairman Winder cautioned those in attendance, that if that if anyone misbehaves, or if the discussion turns into a negative or bashing session, he will call for "POINT OF ORDER" pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, and have that person removed from the meeting.

Council directed the secretary to carry this matter on the agenda.

ORDINANCE BE DRAFTED REGARDING THE PLACEMENT/REMOVAL AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF UTILITY POWER POLES IN MCGILL:

Nothing new to report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated March 15, 2015.

Council member McVicars seconded the motion.

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

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Memo to County Maintenance requesting assistance in fertilizing.
2. E-Mail from County Maintenance Super Calderwood informing Council that the County uses Apex Pets Control for the weed treatment program.
3. E-Mail from County Maintenance Super Calderwood stating that S&H and Basin Engineering are moving forward with their joint proposal for code compliant plans for the Kinnear Library.
4. Letter to BOCC asking if there is a code against fences constructed of used pallets.
5. Memo to Town Council regarding fence constructed of pallets & update on SNPLMA grant for Ball Park.
6. E-Mails from Commissioner Coster and County Maintenance Super Calderwood regarding dog waste dispensers.
7. E-Mail regarding County Code 8.04.075 regarding dogs in public parks.
8. Deposit in the amount of \$30 for sale of McGill book. Another deposit in the amount of \$125 for sales of McGill Books. Deposit in the amount of \$30 for sale of McGill book.
9. Secretarial monthly report.
10. 2001 McGill minutes when Council toured McGill.
11. Letter from WPC Clerk thanking Council for their Self Evaluation.
12. Letter in support of SNPLMA grant application.
13. WPC Resolution 2016-12 to augment McGill Town Fund.
14. Sympathy letter to McKenzie Bauman.
15. Letter to Ruth Town Council gifting them with a McGill 100 Year History book.
16. McGill Neighborhood Watch Bicycle Rodeo Skills/Safety Event.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills to be paid were read into the record:

OPI \$29.99

(monthly copy machine contract)

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

None reported.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

None reported.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

County Maintenance Super Calderwood reported that he had provided a cost estimate to the secretary for the “doggy waste bag dispenser” at \$170.00 each with 400 bags included - 3 signs stating “clean up after your dog” will cost \$24.00 each. He has a maintenance person in McGill collecting trash once each week so they can change the bags and maintain the doggy stations. He does feel that doggy doo doo waste receptacles will help.

Council Member Borovansky motioned to allow WPC Maintenance Department order the “doggy waste bag dispenser at \$170.00 and 3 signs stating “clean up after your dog” at \$24.00 each. Motion includes providing a copy of the billing invoice to the Town Council so that it can be approved in a public meeting.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

County Maintenance Super Calderwood reported that his department has turned on all the sprinklers to the lawns. It was necessary to replace 30 heads. He would ask Council Member Borovansky work with the McGill Parks Manager regarding the maintenance of the sprinkling heads.

County Maintenance Super Calderwood referred to the e-mail he sent to the secretary answering the memo requesting assistance in fertilizing the lawns in McGill. He utilizes Apex Pest Control for the treatment of broadleaf weeds. They use a spray with larger drops that does not spread to the trees. His department has been using them, and it has been working better for the County Parks. However, if McGill would prefer to use the fertilizer through a spreader, they are welcome to borrow his, as it can be pulled behind a large lawn mower, or a 4-wheeler.

Council Member Borovansky assured the Council that he will speak with the McGill Parks Manager about this matter.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 75% into their budget year with 61% of their revenues coming in and they are presently 78% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Brett Waters, WPC Fire Chief, reported that McGill responded to 15 calls this past month, they have had training in the wildland fire procedures, and they are starting their refreshers classes and they hope to bring in new recruits. The White Pine Fire District may be facing some significant challenges if their department receives budget cuts in July.

Council Chairman Winder asked how would these budget cuts effect the McGill Fire Department which is run by volunteers.

WPC Fire Chief Waters answered that budget cuts would reduce the staff on the payroll, this will result in more reliance on the volunteers. Cuts could effect ongoing training and new recruit training. Maintenance of equipment could also be effected. Career staffing, if hours are reduced or cut, could put a heavy burden on the volunteers, effect training, etc. If the cuts are severe, he would hope the McGill Town Council would support them.

#### STREET LIGHTS:

Several lights out were reported before and during the meeting. Council Chairman Winder reported that he has called Mt. Wheeler Power about hooking up the power to the light pole (struck for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time), but the power is still not connected. Possibly Mt. Wheeler Power is wishing to have this request in writing.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to Mt. Wheeler Power under the Chairman's signature.

#### STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Nothing new to report.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported there were 9 persons in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. Deputy Alan Pedersen provided the audience with information about Bicycle Rodeo Skills/Safety Event. The Neighborhood Watch members felt the Bicycle Rodeo Skills/Safety Event would be great for the local kids and they set a tentative date for June. He is asking for an agenda item for the May McGill Town Council meeting agenda to support the bicycle rally. If there is a child who does not have a bicycle or helmet, the McGill Neighborhood Watch may be able to help. They would like to offer prizes and awards and there will be 14 stations set up in town. The White Pine County Sheriff's Office is in full support of this activity.

The Council directed the secretary to place this matter on the next agenda.

#### YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member McVicars reported that the Easter Bunny arrived at the Avenue K Park as predicted. He would note that there appeared to be more participants this year, and the Avenue K Park has easier access and better parking. They may ask the Easter Bunny to return to the Avenue K Park next year.

#### BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORT:

Nothing new to report.

#### KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

#### McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, reported that their organization has already begun working on Labor Day activities.

#### McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for any additional comments from the audience.

Chris Maestes reported there are several vacant homes up at the Avenues that are not maintained and rapidly becoming an eyesores.

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported that #8 Avenue C has a lot of trash in the yard. Also, #14 6<sup>th</sup> Street has been turned in numerous times, but she would like to report it again.

Council Member McVicars assured them that he would place those homes on his list.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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