

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on August 16, 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
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Andy McVicars, Member
Vacant Seat

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Mike Coster, WP County Commissioner
Lee Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Glenn Dolzal
Robert Pratt
Kay Sundberg
John A. Sundberg
Susan A. Merwin
Amy Garcia, McGill Ruth Water District
Stacy Laird, McGill Revitalization Assoc/Business Rep
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Aletha Ashby, McGill Pool Mgr.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the audience.

Council Member Dubrutz complimented the McGill Ruth Water District for their fast response in repairing the water leak this past week. Their action was fast and efficient.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MCGILL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

White Pine County Road Superintendent Bill Miller addressed the Council explaining that his crew will be oiling the streets in McGill from September 12th to the 15th. The oil will fill in the cracks that are starting and preserve the existing surface.

Council member McVicars inquired if any of the work he will be doing will be in the alleys in McGill.

WPC Superintendent Miller answered in the negative. He went on to explain that his crew will try to keep the travel lanes open as much as possible. It will take about 4 hours for the oil to cure, so it is hoped that the residents can be patient with the delays. There will be public notices posted asking the residents to keep vehicles off the streets while they are working. If somebody should drive on the fresh oil before it is cured, they will not be able to help restore the damage. The plan is for their work crew to divide McGill into 3 sections. Dates are tentatively set for September 12th in Town Site, September 13th Middle Town and the Circle, and September 14th everything west of US 93. These dates will, of course, depend on weather conditions. As they get closer to the scheduled dates, his office will prepare a public service notice to be posted in McGill. His department is planning on moving forward with a new plow truck to service McGill. His objective is to make improvements to this community. The one way street signs for the Circle have been ordered and as soon as they arrive, they will be installed. The stop sign at the corner of First and Avenue K is a little different story. There used to be an island on Avenue K where the stop sign used to be situated. That island is gone now so he is not sure if codes can allow that sign to be set up again. The Council thanked Road Super Miller for the excellent service he and his department has provided for the Town of McGill.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017:

Council Chairman Winder read the following purchase order requests into the record, explaining to the audience and new Council Members that the Council has found it easier to notify the County Finance about any proposed purchases over the amount of \$250 as early as possible to avoid the possibility of missing any requests. The purchase order requests are only estimates and it places the Finance Department on notice when expenditures may occur.

Bradley's Bestway Market - \$2,000 – Labor Day Picnic groceries

Quill Corp - \$500 – Council minute books

Alert-All Corp - \$500 – fire prevention school promotion

Sanitary Septic - \$540 – portable toilets for street dance & Labor Day

Cedar Grove Pet Resort - \$1,000 – lawn fertilizer

JW Electric - \$7,500 – street light repairs

JW Electric - \$3,960 – annual purchase of street light inventory

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the purchase order requests as read.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

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

APPOINTMENT OF MIKE BOROVSANSKY AS MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR:

Council Chairman Winder explained that when Council Member Borovansky tendered his resignation to the McGill Town Council, he requested to continue as the McGill Neighborhood Watch Coordinator/Contact person. Because this is a Council appointment, the matter needed to be scheduled on the next Council agenda. As Chairman he cannot make a motion, but he would like to entertain a motion to select Mike Borovansky to represent the McGill Neighborhood Watch Program.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to appoint Mike Borovansky to represent the McGill Town Council as the McGill Neighborhood Watch Program Coordinator.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

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

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the notification to Mr. Borovansky.

PLANNING FOR MCGILL'S ANNUAL LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING FIRWORKS, STREET CANCE, 5-K FUN RUN WALK, BBQ, ETC:

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, Lee Garcia, provided a copy of the necessary documents/contracts for shooting off fireworks; explaining that the permits are up to date, and that Lane Hendrix will be shooting off the fireworks this year, but he will also be tutoring/interning him to take over for him. He has had to complete training workshops and has to complete so many hours of on hands internship. The map for the 5-K fun run walk has been set and the County Road Superintendent will be putting up the signs.

Council Member McVicars inquired about the purchase order request, recalling that in the previous meeting it had been noted that McGill only budgeted \$5,000 but the request was for \$6,000.

The secretary explained that the Council only budgeted \$5,000 for fireworks, she spoke with the Finance Department and they prepared the purchase order for \$6,000, if that line item ends up overspends, then the Council will need to transfer funds to cover any over expenditure.

Fire Chief Garcia continued with his report, explaining that the food for the BBQ has been ordered for less than what they ordered last year. The MRA is working on the parade with the theme of "United We Stand". Also, the street dance is on schedule.

Aletha Ashby addressed the Council explaining that she is the new McGill pool manager. The Big Splash is on schedule and the pool will offer free admittance, games have been planned for the Big Splash, and they are seeking donations for prizes and to cover the cost of advertisement. Their operating hours are from 11:30 to 6:00 P.M.

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

Council Chairman Winder reported that he, Council Member Dubrutz, and the secretary attended the Board of County Commission meeting to discuss all of McGill's past correspondence pleading for consideration to amend the county ordinance regarding the reporting procedure. He would note there is a lot of misunderstandings on what the Council can and cannot do. The District Attorney is willing to try to write a new ordinance authorizing town boards to have more authority. As it stands right now, any complaints regarding failure to clean yards must be documented, reported to the Board of County Commissioners, and then scheduled for a public hearing before the owner of the property can be cited. Late this afternoon he received a memo from the Building & Planning Department that read as follows:

"I regret to say that I will not be able to attend the Town Council Meeting tonight. I would like to report that Mr. Wheable and I are working on revisions to the existing ordinances referencing health hazards, Abatement o Dangerous Buildings, Attractive Nuisances, Abandoned Vehicles, Fire Hazards and other items that have a direct or indirect effect on the health and well-being of the citizens of McGill. An ordinance is being drafted to assist in achieving the goals of White Pine County.

I will be moving forward with the Notice and Orders that I presented to the Board dated July 11, 2016. If the Board would please sign the documents presented I will mail them out to the owners. The signature of the chairperson is merely a recognition of the letter and not an acknowledgment or interpretation of procedure. By having the signature of the Chairman I will have the documentation to show backing from the Board should legal action be required. If you do not have the documents I presented July 11, 2016 I would be glad to make others available. Should you have any other properties that require my services please do not hesitate to contact me."

Council Chairman Winder stated that, at this time, in his opinion, the Town Council still has no legal authority to send notices without going through the BOCC. The way the ordinance is written at this time, if the Council sends out notices regarding unsightly yards without the BOCC holding a public hearing, and if the owner of the property protests, the case could be thrown out of court like the last time. The way the county ordinance is written at this time, all complaints must be taken to the BOCC first. For the past several years McGill has written to the BOCC to report complaints, when those complaints went unanswered, McGill began writing correspondence asking to have the ordinance amended. Those letters also went unanswered until the last letter written on July 11, 2016 caught the eye of the District Attorney. The DA scheduled the matter on the Commission meeting for discussion.

County Commissioner Coster requested a copy of the correspondence from the Building Inspector, noting that he spoke with him this afternoon and Mr. Christensen had not mentioned the matter to him.

Council Chairman Winder emphasized that, at the BOCC meeting, he stated that until the ordinance is changed, he feels uncomfortable in reporting homes/yards without going before the BOCC to go through the public hearing process.

Kay Sundberg explaining that she has spoken with the Building Official and he explained to her that he wants the backing from the Town Council before proceeding. She would like to know how long the process is to adopt a new county ordinance.

Council Chairman Winder stated again, that the way the county ordinance is written, the complaints have to be scheduled on a BOCC agenda as a public hearing. District Attorney Wheable asked him in that Commission meeting that he had attended, what would the Council do if the ordinance was changed. His answer to the District Attorney was that he would be "tickled pink". This is the closest this matter has come to get resolved. The ordinance process is lengthy, once they review the draft, then it has to be scheduled for a first reading, then it must be advertised, then the final reading (Public Hearing), then it must be advertised again. Possibly the first of the year there will be a new ordinance in place.

Commissioner Coster assured the audience, that he would like to see this new ordinance completed before he leaves office at the end of the year.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Nothing new to report until the winter months when WPC Maintenance will begin work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated June 21, 2016 and the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated July 19, 2016.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

Council Member Dubrutz and Council Member McVicars abstained from voting on the minutes dated June 21, 2016.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting on the minutes dated July 19, 2016.

It was noted for the record that there will not be a quorum to approve the minutes dated June 21st.

Motion was carried by majority vote of the quorum present for the July 19, 2016 minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record as follows:

C & B Auto	\$ 49.16
(auto maintenance)	
Aloha Express	\$ 93.70
(auto gas)	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(copy machine contract)	
Bath Lumber	\$ 26.97
(park supplies)	
WPC Treasurer	\$ 54.99
(internet security)	
Graphics Technology	\$ 54.00
(Letterhead)	
Graphics Technology	\$121.00
(Envelopes)	

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

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The below listed correspondence was sent or received since the previous meeting.

1. Secretary monthly report.
2. E-mail from WPC Road Super regarding signs and requesting an agenda item.
3. Copy of invoice from McGill-Ruth Water District.
4. Letter from Ms. Schoff expressing concerns about unsightly yards.
5. Purchase Order request for Fireworks.
6. Letters to WPC Sheriff, Highway Patrol, Ely Shoshone Tribal Police thanking them for their participation in the Bicycle Rodeo.
7. Letters to Kaylen and Kayleen Lamb thanking/certifying them for their internship with the McGill Town Council.
8. Credit application to South Fork Hardware-Ely.
9. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.
10. Deposits in the amount of \$60.00 and \$90.00 for the sale of McGill books.
11. Letter from WPC Clerk accepting resignation of Mike Borovansky from McGill Town Council.
12. Letter from WPC Clerk appointing Cynthia Angelopoulos to the McGill Town Council.
13. Letter of appreciation to Alan Pedersen from McGill Neighborhood Watch.
14. Letter from AARP Driver Safety offering online safety course.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Nothing new to report.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported there was a young child bitten by a dog (Pit Bull) on North Third Street and the child was taken to the Emergency Room. The child may have to undergo the shots, if the dog is not identified.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Chairman Winder explained that he has taken over the duties of supervising the McGill Parks until the Council selects a new Park liaison. He met with WPC Maintenance Superintendent, Bill Calderwood, about issues relating to all the parks. Some of the sprinklers are out of adjustments, which is the reason there has been a few dead spots. They will be working on the automatic controls so they may have to operate the sprinklers manually

until the auto control are finished. He is scheduled to meet with Woody Robinson (Park Manager) and Marvin Rowley, (Parks Assistant) so they can all begin learning how the sprinkler controls work.

Bob Pratt addressed the Council noting that he appreciates the container for the placing of dog droppings. He would not mind places being designated where dogs are not allowed, or possibly a designated dog park.

Council Chairman Winder noted that, unfortunately, there are people who do not control their dogs.

Council Member McVicars stated that he likes the idea of a dog park.

Council Member Dubrutz noted that he understood that the Sheriff's Office has caught some of the persons who has been vandalizing the McGill Parks.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill Town Council is presently 8% into their budget year, with 8% of their funds spent. With the approval of the FY 2016/2017 purchase order requests, the next budget print out will show that McGill's expenditures exceed their revenues. This is common because all purchase order requests will be listed as outstanding purchase orders and the funds held aside.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia reported that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department responded to 5 calls this past month, with one being a motor vehicle wreck; they attended 2 of the fires in the County, and they spent 2 days at an overland fire. They lost the transfer case on the new fire truck, with the repairs being taken care of through the White Pine Fire District. The truck will be back into action this week.

Bob Pratt complimented the many volunteer organizations in McGill, noting that they have a lot of pride in their community.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported numerous lights out at 21 North 6th Street; Seventh Street; Second and Avenue F; Avenue F and Avenue I; 2 Third Street; 39 Fourth Street; 69 ½ N. Third Street; and the top of Avenue a still goes on and off.

Council Member Dubrutz inquired about the street lights on Fourth Street (Main Street/US 93) that had been struck by passing vehicles. He would like the secretary to obtain the necessary documents from the Finance Department showing that all 4 insurance claims have been satisfied and that the funds have been deposited into McGill's account.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Nothing new to report.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

The secretary reported there was not an officer present at the July Neighborhood Watch meeting, but the 9 persons in attendance all took turns signing the letter to Officer Pedersen thanking him for the many years he represented the McGill Neighborhood Watch. During the meeting the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator had complimented the Sheriff's Office for their fast response when the Aloha Express had been robbed (armed robbery). Within 10 minutes there were officers in McGill, and within 1 hour the officers had caught the person, and within 2 hours they had search and found the weapon used in the attempted robbery.

Stacy Laird reported that she heard that Officer Penny Robison has expressed an interest in becoming the next McGill Neighborhood Watch representative.

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia explained that, the night they held their community volunteer meeting, they caught 7 kids on the roof at the McGill Grade School.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

It was noted this matter was discussed under Labor Day activities.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

The secretary reported that the Volunteer Kinnear Library/Cultural Center will be scheduling the “One on One” reading classes for the first grade students. They are presently scheduling the use of a School District bus.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, McGill Revitalization Association, reported that the MRA is ready for the street dance, parade, big splash, and BBQ.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN’S AUXILIARY:

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief Garcia reported that the Women’s Auxiliary is ready for the 5-K run through some of McGill’s streets, and the Fire Department is ready for the annual fireworks display.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.