

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on December 20, 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
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Andy McVicars, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Mike Coster, County Commissioner
Elaine Blackham, WPC Senior Management
For the Community & Economic Development Office
Ernie Rivera
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the audience.

Elaine Blackham, Senior Management Assistant, Community and Economic Development Office, addressed the Council explaining that she has been working on the SNPLMA grant application for the restoration of the historic McGill Ball Park. The grant amount will be for almost one million dollars, or \$996,199.00. There has been a turn of events during the past few months. The granting agency is concerned about the McGill Town Council's commitment for the maintenance once the restoration of the Ball Park had been completed. She has brought this matter to the Board of County Commissioners, and they have prepared correspondence assuring the granting agency that the McGill Town Council receives their funding from the State as an unincorporated town. She also explained that McGill employs 2 seasonal park maintenance persons; however, she feels the granting agency would feel more comfortable if McGill dedicated a separate line item in their budget for the maintenance of the McGill Ball Park.

The Council directed their secretary to place this matter on the next agenda for the creation of a budget line item for the Ball Park, and also an agenda item to select a Council Member to oversee the grant project.

Elaine Blackham also reported that the grant for the Railroad has been approved.

Council Member McVicars inquired who will oversee the SNPLMA project.

Elaine Blackham answered that Bill Calderwood, WPC Maintenance Super, will oversee the project. Elaine Calderwood, Finance Department will handle all the finances and reporting. She will provide the McGill Town Council with a copy of all the deliverables.

SELF-EVALUATION FOR MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL, LISTING GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Council Chairman Winder noted that the secretary had provided a draft of the McGill self evaluation in their monthly packet. She had also asked the Council to read the draft and contact her if they had any additions or revisions. He has read the draft and she has since fixed the typos, and he would like to know how the Council feels about the report.

It was the consensus of the Council to sign and deliver the McGill Town Council annual evaluation report.

STATUS/UPDATE ON PROPOSED CELL TOWER THAT WILL PROVIDE CELL SERVICE TO MCGILL:

Council Chairman Winder noted that the Town Council has received the final engineering for the proposed cell tower in McGill. He had extracopies available for anyone wishing to view the document. Once the cell tower is

constructed and fully functional, then AT&T will most likely begin to eliminate the land lines in McGill. There will still be areas without cell service in this community, but these documents appear to offer coverage to all of McGill.

AUTHORIZATION TO HANG A UNITED STATES FLAG, INCLUDING SOLAR POWER LIGHTING, ON THE MOUNTAIN PEAK OVERLOOKING MCGILL:

Ernie Rivera addressed the Council explaining that since the previous meeting, he has learned that the land where the flag used to fly is Kennecott property. He has contacted Kennecott to obtain permission to repair/replace the old flag pole. He has been given authorization to work with Chris Collis on this project. He was assured the matter will be followed up with correspondence. Kennecott might even help with some funding. He will also contact the local Veterans organization for support.

Council Member McVicars inquired about the lighting.

Ernie Rivera explained that lighting will have to be solar. He is presently researching to find a company that builds flag poles that will need to withstand high winds.

Council Chairman Winder requested that Ernie River continue researching this matter, and the Council will continue to carry the matter on their agenda. Also, they might need the services of an engineer because of the high winds in the area.

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 noted that the ordinance for the unsightly yards has been a sore topic for the McGill Town Council. He would hope that the citizens of McGill understands that the McGill Town Council has been sending correspondence for several years begging the BOCC to make revisions to the ordinance to simplify the reporting process. He and Council Member Angelopoulos attended a County Commission meeting, and they have obtained a copy of the draft ordinance. It is now a matter of going through the first and final reading of the ordinance. Once the ordinance has been adopted by the County Commission, and published, McGill will be able to utilize the services of the County/City Building department in identifying some of the yards/homes that have been left to ruin.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Received an e-mail from White Pine County Maintenance Super, Bill Calderwood, asking for contact information during the Kinnear Library construction. The secretary had responded explaining that the Chairman had been designated as a primary contact person, with her as the secondary. The Library contact person has moved from the area.

Council Chairman Winder noted that he and WPC Maintenance Super Calderwood has communicated with him on other projects, so he would like to remain as the primary contact.

Ernie Rivera recalled that when White Pine County closed the McGill Library, the books were removed. He does not know where the books had been taken to, but he can recall there had been many books purchased by Kennecott that were extremely old.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated November 15, 2016.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Draft Ordinance #468 for the abatement of nuisances.
2. Letter to McGill Elementary School Student Body thanking them for their attendance.
3. Letter to Sheriff Watts regarding complaint on unsightly yard.
4. E-mail from WPC Maintenance Super regarding heating at Senior Center.
5. Letter from WPC Clerk requesting annual self evaluation.
6. Letter to Aviston Elementary School Fourth Grade class giving history on WPC.

7. Letter to WPC Fire Chief Tim Woolever welcoming him to his new position and inviting him to a McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting.
8. E-mail from Commissioner Coster regarding Cell Tower in McGill.
9. Letter from EBI Consulting giving information on cell tower in McGill.
10. Secretary monthly report.
11. Letter to Mt. Wheeler Power thanking them for gifting power to light Christmas.
12. Deposit in the amount of \$30.00 for the sale of McGill book.
13. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.
14. Deposit in the amount of \$100.00 for rental of Senior/Community Center.
15. E-mail from WPC Super asking for contact person(s) during construction of Kinnear Library.
16. Christmas Cards from White Pine County Clerk's Office and Artisan Surveying.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bradley's Bestway Market (Christmas candy)	\$232.56
Sanitary Septic (Labor Day Porta Potties)	\$612.00
OPI (monthly copy machine charge)	\$ 29.99
Bradley's Bestway Market (cleaning supplies)	\$ 9.77
Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 4.38

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the bills as read.
Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Elaine Blackham inquired about the working hours of the animal control officer, as she feels that his patrol hours should be flexible. Oftentimes, it is in the evening hours that people let their dogs run at large.

Commissioner Mike Coster recalled that the City Animal Control Department had recently reduced with patrol hours allowing for more working time at the Pound.

Council Chairman Winder explained that whenever he has experienced a problem with dogs running at large, he has called the Sheriff's Office and they have handled the matter after hours.

It was the consensus of the Council to send correspondence inquiring about flexible working hours.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 42% into their budget year, with 24% of their revenues coming in. Presently McGill is 26% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Ernie Rivera inquired about the ISO rating for the McGill Fire Department.

Elaine Blackham explained that the ISO was done 2 years ago and that information is at the Fire Station Number One.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he faxed a list of repairs to JW Electric. On occasion he may miss a light if it is blinking on and off if it happens to be on when he drives by so he appreciates the calls from residents notifying him of a problem light.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz indicated there is nothing new to report.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there were only 5 persons in attendance at the Neighborhood Watch meeting. There has not been an officer assigned to represent the McGill Neighborhood Watch Program, so they are looking at inviting Fish and Wildlife, BLM, and/or the Forest Service.

Commissioner Coster informed the Council that Scott Henriod had informed him that the Sheriff's Office has recently designated an officer for the McGill Neighborhood Watch Program. He will follow up with this.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported they held the annual Christmas Parade, Santa arrived safely at the Center to listen to wishes and dreams from the youngsters. Also, she would like to donate some of the left over candy canes to the WP Care Center.

The Council indicated their approval.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep., noted there was nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their organization held a candy sale and helped with the parade. They also made themselves available to assist Santa at the Center.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder thanked Commissioner Coster for his attendance at McGill meetings and for representing the County Commission.

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

Commissioner Coster noted that he has served the County Commission and was the liaison to McGill. While serving as the liaison, he carried messages back and forth from the Commission to McGill Town Council. Highlighting some of his accomplishments, he updated McGill about the Swimming Pool, Ball Park, animals at large, and trashy yards. Most of the topics have been completed with the exception of the Standard Market building. The BOCC already held their first reading of the updates to the trashy yard ordinance (reporting procedure) and he is looking forward to seeing the Flag Pole brought back to the Peak overlooking McGill. He still owns a home in McGill and plans on attending McGill Town Council meetings in the future.

MEETING ADJURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.