

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on February 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
Mike Borovansky, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Andy McVicars, Member

Absent Council Member:

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk
Mike Coster, Commission Liaison
Elizabeth Francis, WPC Finance Director
Randy Hesterlee, NDOT
Raymond Maestes
Chris Maestes
Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA
Stacy Laird, MRA/Business Rep.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the audience.

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

SELF EVALUATION AND PROGRESS REPORT ON MEETING GOALS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL:

Council Chairman Winder explained that the Council had previously instructed their secretary to prepare a draft of McGill's self-evaluation for 2015. He has read the draft and feels that it answers what the County Clerk has requested.

Council Member Borovansky motioned to authorize the self-evaluation letter to be delivered to the County Clerk.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

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

NDOT LONG RANGE/SHORT RANGE PLANNING AND GENERAL DISCUSSION REGARDING EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC ON FOURTH STREET:

Randy Hesterlee, NDOT, addressed the Board stating that he is in attendance in response to correspondence the McGill Town Council sent asking for their long range/short range plan for McGill. He noted that, in his opinion, although he feels the road needs to be rebuilt, there no plans under way at this time. The long, long range planning is to bypass McGill, but that will be in the extreme long range. He would even go as far as to say that bypassing McGill is only an idea at this time.

Council Chairman Winder explained that he has seen what happens to commerce when a town is bypassed. It is harmful to the business district, and McGill depends on the business that travelers bring in. If McGill should ever get bypassed, would NDOT continue to maintain the highway through the Town of McGill.

Randy Hesterlee answered that he has not heard any discussions about NDOT giving up the highway through McGill. Right now it is Highway 93. There, however, have been some state roads traded with the County in past years.

Council Member Borovansky asked about a weigh station, possibly at Shellbourn. He understands there are over 2 hundred semi-trucks traveling through McGill daily, and he does not feel that this road is set up to carry those heavy loads. He has seen many trucks parking at Shellbourn, and he feels that a weigh station would, at least, keep over loaded trucks off the roads. Also, some states do not allow double and triple trailers, where he has seen many on our roads.

Randy Hesterlee explained that Nevada Highway Patrol truck division regularly perform truck inspections, so they have not looked to setting up a weigh station. They were looking at some paving work in the spring on the McGill Highway, but in communication with the McGill Ruth Water District about their projects they learned they are looking at a project, so NDOT moved the paving project to the fall. Also, there is some work going on in the spring farther north of McGill.

Council Chairman Winder recalled the discussion when NDOT asked for McGill Town Council's support for the "no parking" along Main Street during the winter months to assist with the snow removal. The Council is still in full support of that project.

Randy Hesterlee answered that NDOT was very pleased with the support they received from the McGill Town Council, but they are having trouble for proper signage approval. In reviewing the correspondence from McGill Town Council, the Board made reference to numerous accidents in McGill due to truck traffic, he would like to know what accidents the Council was referring to.

Council Chairman Winder explained that, this year alone, there have been 4 streetlights truck by passing semi-trucks. On 2 of the accidents, a truck hit a vehicle, that vehicle struck another, then knocked the street light out. These lights cost about \$6,000 each. McGill's insurance carrier (Nevada POOL) is handling the claims and they are working with all the other insurance companies. But the initial outlay for repairs falls on the Town Council.

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, commended about the storm drain on Main Street (Highway 93). It is always clogged and the Post Office has been flooded on several occasions.

Randy Hesterlee stated that the way he understands this, the storm drain comes from the top of McGill, passes under Highway 93, then empties into the county storm drain. NDOT would be responsible for only what is within their right of way.

County Commissioner Coster noted that cleaning the storm drain would not be a capital improvement project, and possibly NDOT could work with White Pine County to clean the drain.

Chris Maestes asked if there is a noise ordinance. At night she can hear the truck breaks.

Randy Hesterlee explained that he has not been able to find any ordinance or any provision in the NRS. There are "No Engine Break" signs posted, but he cannot find any NRS regarding those signs either.

There being no further questions, the Council thanked Randy Hesterlee for attending the meeting and answering questions.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Council Member Dubrutz noted that the department representation is working, and he would motion to keep the Board as it has been with Bob Winder as Chairman, Roxane Ballandby as Vice-Chairperson. His motion includes all the department being represented as previously.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

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

V & S Variety (snow shovel for Center)	\$ 9.89
Bradleys Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 8.99
OPI (copy machine monthly contract)	\$ 29.99
Delores Manchester (reimbursement for postage)	\$ 6.24
QUILL (minute books)	\$491.96
Dirt Works (street light removal)	\$630.00

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Stacy Laird reported there is a trailer filled with trash parked on First Street across from #47 First. Council Chairman Winder reported the home at #10 North 3rd Street, where trash is piled up and this is posing a health hazard. He would also note that this home has been reported before.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Council Member Dubrutz recalled that he previously reported 2 vicious dogs running at large at the North end of McGill. The animal control officer has been unable to catch the one who is still running at large.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Member Borovansky reported that he has informed the Parks Manager that the Council has cut all Park over time hours.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Finance Director, Elizabeth Francis, explained that she took the \$10,000 fire truck payment out of the budget, so there will only be the interest showing. The funding for the brush truck had been moved from the fund balance (savings) and held aside, each year the Council will pay the interest and the principal amount will be subtracted from the monies that had already been set aside. McGill's budget for next year will be \$98,230.00.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he had already faxed a list of street lights in need of repair to Linnell Electric. There were a few additional lights reported this evening and he will forward them on to Linnell. As usual, he will provide a copy listing all repair requests to the secretary to be placed in the file.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz noted that, once the weather warms up, there will be some repairs to the streets due to the severe weather McGill experienced this winter.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported there were 8 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. Alan Pedersen was not able to attend the last meeting. If he is not able to attend the next Neighborhood Watch meeting, they are hoping to have Steve Marques fill in for him. Next meeting is set for March 9th.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Nothing new to report.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANT REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported that the MRA is already beginning to plan for Labor Day activities.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for additional comments from the audience.

Randy Hesterlee referred to the comment about trash. He would like to note that NDOT has a "Highway Cleanup Program". Anyone interested in the program can work with the local office about selecting an area for Highway Cleanup.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.