

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on January 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:

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Borovansky, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Andy McVicars, Member

Absent Council Member:

Bob Winder, Chairman

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk
Mike Coster, County Commissioner
Raymond Maestes
Chris Maestes
Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA
Stacy Laird, MRA/Business Rep
April Witter, Kinneer Library/Cultural Center

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the public.

There were no comments at this time.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR & DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016:

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the agenda when a full board is present.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATION TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

The secretary reported that she spoke with WPC Maintenance Super, Bill Calderwood, this afternoon. He is presently working on the Drug Court and an office at the Airport, as soon as he completes those projects, he will begin working on the Kinneer Library Building again. There are a few additional revisions to the most recent plans for the building (addition of a cleaning closet and opening up the meeting chambers).

CHRIS MAESTES – OPTIONS TO CONTROL SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON SOUTH SECOND STREET:

Chris Maestes addressed the Council explaining that the residents in her neighborhood have been experiencing speed traffic on South Second Street between Avenue A and Avenue D. If the speed limit is 25 mph, she feels that is too fast, as there are a lot of children walking in the area while coming or returning from school. Also, at the bottom of the Avenues A through D, there are only “Yield” signs. She would suggest replacing those Yield signs to “Stop” signs – possibly the speeding traffic would stop or slow down.

Raymond Maestes also addressed the Council noting that the Sheriff’s Office has placed their flashing speed limit sign at different times, but as soon as the flashing sign is removed, the speeding traffic speeds up again. Also, years ago, when this was a company town, there used to be dips placed across some streets so the traffic would slow down.

Council Member Dubrutz explained, as the liaison to the Road Department, he will carry these concerns to Road Supervisor Miller.

Cynthia Angelopoulos pointed out that there is a lot of speeding traffic on Sixth Street, as well.

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

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby thanked the officer in attendance for offering to carry these concerns back the Sheriff.

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

The secretary recalled that the Council, in their previous meeting, requested she contact the City of Ely Attorney to ask him if he was working on an ordinance regarding the excessive telephone poles left behind by the company that was working under contract. Under separate memo, she has provided the Council with a copy of the draft City of Ely Ordinance. The City Attorney explained to her that he has a series of meetings lined up with Mt. Wheeler, Public Utilities Commission, FCC, etc. Once he has a better direction how this project will lead him, he can attend a McGill Town Council meeting to provide an update.

The Council directed the secretary to carry this matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated December 15, 2015.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Letter from WPC Clerk requesting annual evaluation.
2. Secretarial monthly report.
3. Revised plans for Kinnear Library/Council Chambers.
4. Memo from secretary to McGill Town Council regarding excessive power poles.
5. QUILL minute book order.
6. Letter to WPC Clerk regarding unincorporated status.
7. Best wishes for 2016 to Sheriff Office and Finance Department.
8. Memo to Finance Department requesting transfer of funds.
9. Memo to WPC Maintenance requesting locks to be changed.
10. Deposit of funds \$120 - \$20 in cash - \$66 - \$40.
11. Letters requesting reappointments (Mike Borovansky, Roxane Ballandby, Bob Winder).
12. Letter to Bradley's Bestway Market regarding authorization to charge.

The Council directed the secretary begin gathering the necessary information for the McGill annual evaluation and to schedule the matter on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Linnell Electric	\$817.15
(street light repairs)	
Braadleys Bestway Market	\$ 22.42
(cleaning supplies & Neighborhood Watch refreshments.	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly copy machine charge)	
Delores Manchester	\$ 6.42

(postage reimbursement)

Council Member McVicars 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:

No nuisances reported.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported there is a Poodle and a Sheppard running at large in the area of North 3rd Street. Both dogs are aggressive.

The Officer in attendance assured the Council that he would carry this message back to the Sheriff's Office so the matter could be referred to the Animal Control Officer.

It was also reported that many persons have seen the Animal Control Officer patrolling in McGill.

The Council directed the secretary to follow this matter up with a letter to the Animal Control Officer.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Council Member Borovansky reported that he has spoken with Woody Robinson, and was assured that he will be returning as McGill Parks Manager next summer.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 50% into their budget year; with only 33% of their revenues being received. Presently McGill is 75% spent. Also, she noticed an error in the Salaries & Wages line item.

Council Member Borovansky motioned to transfer \$3,000 into the Kinnear Library Renovation fund (#280-502-53904) and transfer \$3,000 into equipment under \$5,000 to help cover costs associated with street lights being struck by oncoming traffic.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

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

EMT/FIRE REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

It was reported that some of the lights reported for repair in the previous meeting still out. Lights reported are: Second and Avenue G – Second and Avenue F – and new report at #50 Fourth Street.

STREETS & STREEY SIGNS:

Nothing new to report.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported there were 7 persons in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. Offer Alan Pedersen provided printed material and gave a report on identity theft (also copies were placed at the Post Office). Also, speeding traffic is often discussed at the McGill Neighborhood Watch meetings, and the

dummy patrol car that has been parked around town was a suggestion that was brought up at a Neighborhood Watch meeting.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Nothing new to report.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORT:

Nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

April Witter, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center reported that she has seen the revised blue prints for the Kinnear Library Building and they look good. She has been inside the building on a few occasions and has noticed the leak in the new roof just to the right of the back door. Also, she has some questions about the new metal roof. She noticed there are no rafters or plywood. She would like to know if they are planning on making the roof more sturdy. Also, the first graders will be at the McGill Community Center tomorrow.

The Council directed the secretary to forward that question to the County Maintenance Superintendent.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported that the MRA held a very successful bale sale. Also, she had a person ask when he could purchase one of the "100 Years of McGill History" Book. She will also advertise the McGill "100 Years of History" on face book.

It was explained that the Town Council office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

McGILL VOLLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called for any additional comments from the audience.

A brief discussion was held regarding NDOT's request for support from the Town Council in suspending parking on Fourth (Main) Street during the winter months.

The Council directed the secretary to invite NDOT to the next meeting to discuss the no parking and also to discuss the numerous (4 incidences) accidents where street lights have been damaged by vehicles passing through McGill.

Mike Coster addressed the Council referring to the discussion on speeding traffic on South Second Street. Before any action is taken regarding changing the signs or reducing the speed, possibly there should be a history in the area obtained from the Sheriff.

Mike Coster reported that BJ Almberg, Basin Engineering, was selected by the Governor as a rural representative. One of the topics is to gather input on cargo traffic information. There has been discussions about creating an interstate by-pass from Ash Springs and past McGill. There also has been discussions about passing lanes on the McGill Highway, and possibly creating a trucking rest area. Also, he will remain as the McGill liaison.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.