

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on June 21, 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

Absent Council Members:

Ed Dubrutz, Member
Andy McVicars, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Kayleen Lamb, WPHS Intern
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Sheldon Nicholes
Nathan Nicholes
David Nicholes
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Susan Merwin
Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.

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 public.

Sheldon Nicholes addressed the Council explaining that he has been following the discussions, on line, regarding the speeding traffic on South Second Street. He would like to point out that the area of Avenue K and First Street is also a spot where people are driving fast. He has also noticed that people are driving the wrong way on the streets at the Circle Park area. He recalls there used to be one way signs on those streets, but some appear to be missing.

The Council noted that Council Member Dubrutz is not in attendance at this meeting, he is the Road Department liaison; therefore, the Council will direct the secretary to send notification to the Road Supervisor that some of the one way signs are missing at the Circle. Also, the Council shall direct the secretary to let the Sheriff know about another area where drivers have been speeding.

PRESENTATION ON WHITE PINE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL INTERN/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM:

Kayleen and Kaylen Lamb addressed the Council explaining that they both will be seniors this coming year at the White Pine High School. One of the requirements before students can graduate is that they must perform 10 hours of community service. The school volunteer program is to give them learning experience. Rather than pull weeds or clean an area as their community service, they wanted to learn while they performed their service. They approached the McGill Town Council secretary, of which they learned that she prefers to call them School "Interns", rather than "community service workers". She readily agreed to intern them. First day they worked for her they set up the meeting room for the Neighborhood Watch Program. While setting up, the secretary gave them a history lesson about White Pine County dating back to 1887 when Hamilton was the County Seat. She also gave them a lesson on the working operation of Town, City, and County governments. They also learned about the "Unincorporated" status that the Town of McGill operates under. Both of them will be enrolled in government classes next year and they feel that they will now be ready for those classes. Another learning topic was that they heard about the many volunteers that the Town of McGill enjoys. McGill Volunteer Fire Department, McGill

Emergency Services, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center volunteer library, McGill Revitalization Association, and the McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary all volunteer thousands of hours each year to this community for the betterment of the town. Their 10 hours of services includes setting up and attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting, set up and attend the McGill Town Council meeting, provide the McGill Town Council secretary with a written report on both the Neighborhood Watch and McGill Town Council meeting; if there are any hours left, they will be offering their services at the Bicycle Rodeo that will be held at the McGill Swimming Pool Park.

The Town Council thanked both the White Pine High Interns for their 10 hours of service to their community.

SCHEDULING/PLANNING/SUPPORT OF MCGILL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BICYCLE RODEO IN MCGILL AND/OR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PRIZES FOR THE EVENT:

Council Member Borovansky reported that the Neighborhood Watch Bicycle Rodeo will be held on July 9th at the McGill Swimming Pool Park. The Sheriff's Office will have about 20 used/abandoned bicycles available for those who do not have a bike. This activity requires helmets so the Neighborhood Watch members are working on obtaining helmets in case someone shows up without a helmet. There was a donation of 2 swimming pool 20 visit pass cards; the free passes will be handed out as prizes. Also, everybody who participates at the Bicycle Rodeo will receive a free swimming pass for that day. Booths have been assigned to the Sheriff's Office, Ely Shoshone Tribal Police, Sports World, McGill Volunteer Fire Department, EMT, and the McGill Neighborhood Watch. Participants will need to sign a waiver of liability, which is standard for activities of this type. Also, there will be a special McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, July 6th so the committee can go through the final stages of planning for this event. With the interest the flyers are generating, it is hoped the Bicycle Rodeo will be a huge success.

Council Member Borovansky explained that there are pre-registration signup sheets placed at Sports World, Aloha Express Service Mart, Bradley's Bestway Market, Marie's Café, Stacy's Hair Affair. Some of those signup sheets have already been filled.

The secretary explained that she has contacted the insurance rep at the County about obtaining a copy of the insurance for this event and for other planned events in McGill this summer.

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 recalled that at the previous Council Meeting, the Building Inspector was in attendance. He had inspected the 3 locations and had written up dated reports and notices. McGill Town Council had provided him with documents showing that the Courts had thrown out complaints that had not been brought to the Board of County Commissioners in a public meeting. The County ordinance is outdated and is difficult to enforce if the complaint is not brought to a County Commission meeting before an order can be passed along to the Sheriff. Commissioner Coster had been working on a draft ordinance so that concerns could be brought to the Building Inspector in an effort of simplifying the complaint process. He has read the draft ordinance and feels that Commissioner Coster did an excellent job, and his draft is much better than what is already on the County Codes. He would ask that correspondence be sent to the BOCC and to the District Attorney asking them to study Commissioner Coster's draft ordinance. If McGill Town Council does not speak up and ask that the Commission and the District Attorney follow through with updating this ordinance, he is afraid Commissioner Coster's hard work will go by the wayside. In the meantime, if residents have concerns about un-kept yards, they need to report their concerns directly to the Sheriff's Office.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Council Chairman Winder reminded those in attendance that the McGill Town Council has set aside \$100,000 for the renovations to the Kinnear Library Building. WPC Maintenance Super Calderwood has already obtained the engineering and architectural plans. As soon as the new budget begins on July 1st, and when time allows, the County Maintenance Department will begin working on the Kinnear Library building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Chairman Winder referred to the bottom of page 7 of the May 17th minutes; asking if that was how the discussion was.

Discussion ensued regarding the McGill-Ruth Water revised/reduced rates for the Town of McGill parks. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the language as it appeared in the May 17th minutes do not need a revision.

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated May 17, 2016.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Secretary monthly report.
2. Invoice from Basin Engineering for civil site plan and architectural service for Kinnear Library Building.
3. Memo to WPC Maintenance re: approval of Kinnear Library engineering/architecture service.
4. Donation and deposit in the amount of \$250.00 from McGill-Ruth Consolidated Sewer & Water GID.
5. Deposit in the amount of \$65.00 for sale of McGill book.
6. Memo to WPC Finance Director re budget augmentation to cover increase in water rates and phone billings.
7. Deposit in the amount of \$75.00 for the sale of McGill book and for Center rental.
8. Letter to Bath Lumber for authorization to charge.
9. Letter from Steptoe Welding Repair saying goodbye.
10. E-mail from WPC Finance Director Francis regarding McGill water bills (Note: this e-mail was read into the record during the Park report.
11. Deposit in the amount of \$35.00 for the sale of McGill book.
12. Memo to WPC Maintenance Dept. regarding spraying of weeds.
13. Application to WPC Maintenance for rental of McGill Swimming Pool Park.
14. Letter to Trina Tripp thanking her for donating "welcome benches".
15. Letter to Dan Braddock thanking him for donation of microwave oven.
16. Pamphlets from NV. Historic Preservation Office.
17. Deposit in the amount of \$40.00 for rental of McGill Center.
18. Annual donation of 100.00 from Harry Rhea for Swimming Pool.
19. Deposit in the amount of \$25.00 for reimbursement for rental of rental of swimming pool park.
20. Deposit of cash in the amount of \$30.00 for the sale of McGill book.
21. Deposit in the amount of \$60.00 for the rental of the Community Center.
22. Letter from the State Historic Preservation Office.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Council Chairman Winder read the following bills into the record:

Brandley's Bestway Market	\$ 21.55
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	
(Note: charge in December is requested to be researched)	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(copy machine contract)	
Aloha Express	\$150.81
(parks gasoline)	
C & B Auto	\$ 51.03
(Mower supplies/servicing/repair)	
JW Electric (formerly Linnell Electric)	\$795.00
(street light repairs)	
Bath Lumber	\$461.53
(Park operating supplies)	
Apex Pest Control	\$850.00
(broadleaf weed treatment)	
Delores Manchester	\$ 4.13
(postage reimbursement)	

are a few other line items that are overspent, so it will be necessary to transfer funds so McGill's budget will end in the black.

The Council directed the secretary to work with the Finance Department to transfer funds so McGill will be in compliance.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Brenda McConaha reported that many of the McGill Volunteer Firefighters are currently assisting with a fire.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that after he faxed the last light repair list, the next day he noticed another light out. McGill Town Council has been under contract with Linnell Electric for several years, but now the company has changed ownership and is now called JW Electric, employees are the same. It was reported there was a light out at the corner of 1st and Avenue F.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was noted that the missing "One Way" signs were reported under public comment.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported there were 11 persons at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. The main topic of discussion was the Bicycle Rodeo that will be held on July 9th. They have scheduled an early Neighborhood Watch meeting for July 6th to discuss the final plans for the Bicycle Rodeo. The McGill Neighborhood Watch program and the Bicycle Rodeo has been very well supported by the White Pine County Sheriff's Office.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Bicycle Rodeo is the only planned youth activity this month.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

It was noted that McGill is losing one of their businesses. Steptoe Welding (Eric Poulson) will be moving to Idaho. The Council will be sending him a letter wishing him the best of luck in the future.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos reported that the MRA held a Summer Kick Off carnival on June 4th at the Swimming Pool Park. They had a bounce house, snow cones, Marie's Café participated, booths, etc. All proceeds raised from this event will go toward the annual Labor Day Fireworks Display. They might schedule something similar, with games, during the annual Labor Day festivities. The MRA also held a community yard sale at the Avenue K Park. They are still working their planning for Labor Day.

Council Chairman Winder inquired who would be the person who would set off the fireworks during the Labor Day ending festivities. Also, because there will be another person setting off the fireworks, he would request that a copy of the licenses be placed on file in the McGill office.

Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, explained that Lane Hendrix has retired. Lantis Fireworks wants to send 2 Firemen for training. The person who assisted Lane Hendrix may also receiving training. As soon as persons are certified, she will obtain a copy for the Council.

Brenda McConaha explained that the Volunteer Fire Department has been in discussions with Kennecott, and has obtained permission, to move the fireworks display down to the tailings below McGill. Chris Collis, Kennecott, assured them that they would water the area well before the event. They are actively working on donations to help with the purchase of the extra fireworks, so they will be more spectacular. They are hoping to have \$7,500 instead of the usual amount.

The secretary explained that the Council only approved \$5,000, so when she obtains the purchase order, she will need to specify \$5,000 coming from the misc. line item. She will need to be able to document the remainder of the amount before the Finance Department will approve the purchase order.

Cynthia Angelopoulos noted that they have already gathered \$1,000 in fund raisers. They will be planning a 5-K fun run walk during the Labor Day weekend. She provided the Council with a letter and map showing the 5-K route and they will station volunteers along the route. They are hoping to be able to raise enough money to pay for the “color shot out of the cannons” during the fireworks display. She will be approaching the Board of County Commissioners about using some of the McGill Streets for the 5-K fun run walk. The McGill Town Council gave their approval for the 5-K walk.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stacy Laird reported that she had someone request to reserve the Avenue K Park, but she did not know what the procedure was.

The Council stated that anyone wishing to use the park needs to write the event on the same calendar that is used for reserving the Community Center.

Council Chairman Winder explained that the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center holds “one on one” reading classes for the first grade class throughout the year. He showed the hand written “Thank You” card and picture that was prepared by the first grade reading students. He would like to compliment those volunteers for taking the time to assist the younger generation with their reading skills.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.