

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on March 15, 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  
Andy McVicars, Member

Absent Council Member:

Ed Dubrutz, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk  
Mike Coster, County Commissioner  
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center  
Bonnie Gurr, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center  
Dennis "Woody" Robison, Parks Manager  
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.  
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.  
Stacy Laird, McGill Revitalization Assoc/Business Rep.  
Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary

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

There were no comments at this time.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AND PLANNING FOR EASTER ACTIVITIES IN MCGILL:

Council Member McVicars reported that McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, Lee Garcia, contacted him to explain that the Volunteer Fire Department and the Women's Auxiliary will be planning Easter this year. The Fire Department has already purchased baskets, fillable eggs, and eggs for coloring. They have also approached all the McGill businesses and they all have donated a flat of eggs to be colored. The Easter Bunny has decided to visit the Avenue K Park this year. He would ask the other volunteer organizations if they would like to gather after this meeting to finalize Easter planning.

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, assured him that the McGill Revitalization Association will provide assistance. Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary, arrived late for the meeting and explained further, stating that all total, they had 7 flats of eggs donated from all of the local businesses in town. They are anticipating additional kids that may wish to come to McGill because the Town of Ruth will not be graced with the Easter Bunny this year. Evie Pinneo has printed all the flyers, they will have the traditional egg hunt, prizes and baskets will be handed out by Mr. Bunny. Festivities are planned to begin at 11:00 A.M.

They Council thanked all the volunteer organizations for making sure the Easter Bunny never forgets McGill.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

No report received from County Maintenance Superintendent Bill Calderwood.

Council Chairman Winder explained to the audience, that McGill Town Council dedicated \$100,000.00 toward the renovations of the Kinnear Library Building. County Maintenance Department will do most of the work, so it is

hopeful, that it will not be necessary to spend the full amount that has been allocated. All undedicated funds will return to McGill's fund balance (savings).

Council directed the secretary to continue carrying this matter on the agenda.

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING OPTIONS TO CONTROL SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON SOUTH SECOND STREET:

The Deputy Sheriff in attendance assured the Council and the audience that the Sheriff's Department is patrolling whenever they are in McGill. He, personally, has patrolled each time he is in McGill.

Council Chairman Winder read the correspondence received from County Road Supervisor Bill Miller into the record:

"On February 12, 2016 I received your memorandum dated January 27, 2016 in which concerns of speeding on Second Street between Avenues A and D were voiced by residents. As you are aware, speeding on any street within WPC is a Law Enforcement issue.

The suggestions to remedy the speeding issue by changing the speed limit and erecting of stop signs would be something that I would first need to talk about with the Sheriff.

"Stop" signs are under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners. Only through resolution can a "Stop" sign be erected. This is part of County Ordinance 43 7 (b), Codifier 11.16.040.

Restricted speed zones also fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners and any adjustments would need to be done through resolution as well. The speed limit in the unincorporated town of McGill falls under Prima Facie speed limits. This is also part of County Ordinance 43.4(c) Codifier 11.20.030.

I will meet with the Sheriff, the Commission Liaison to the Road Department, the Commission Liaison to the McGill Town Council and possibly the District Attorney on this matter. The determinations that come from these meetings will be forwarded to the McGill Town Council.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

William Miller

Road Superintendent, White Pine County"

Council Chairman Winder noted for the record that everyone is working to resolve the problem, but it will take time.

Joni Drahos, MRA, explained that she had heard discussions about the School District seeking to change the traffic to one way streets in that area.

Commissioner, Mike Coster, assured the Council and audience that he will speak with members of the School Board regarding this matter; however, he would point out that the final decision lies with the Board of County Commissioners to create one way streets.

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

The secretary explained that she had spoken with the City of Ely Attorney, Chuck Odgers, and was assured that he is still working with AT & T regarding this matter.

The Council directed the secretary to continue carrying this matter on the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated February 16, 2016.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. E-mail from EDC Office requesting guidance on round 16 SNPLMA grant.
2. E-mail from EDC regarding comments on BLM SNPLMA grant applications.
3. E-mail from EDC regarding BLM Envisioning Questionnaire.
4. Memo from Ruth Town Council requesting the Council donate "100 Year History Book"

5. Deposits to WPC Treasurer for purchases of “100 Year History Book”.
6. Secretarial monthly report.

The secretary explained that the EDC Office is requesting a written answer from the Town Council on their selection for round 16 of the SNPLMA grant application. They are also asking for McGill’s selection for round 17.

Council Member McVicars motioned to select the McGill Ball Park, phase II, as the first choice for round 16 of the SNPLMA grant application. There is considerable amount of work to be done to the bleachers, concession stand, restrooms, dugouts, overhead lighting, diamonds, etc. He would request the engineer begin preparing the scope of work and cost estimate not to exceed one million dollars. Round 17 of the SNPLMA grant application will be the remaining parks at the Circle area (North Park, Center Park, and Fountain Park).

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion, stipulating that Council Member McVicars will be the primary contact person on the Ball Park project.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Council Chairman Winder read the bills into the record as follows:

Linnell Electric (repair of street lights)	\$1,035.00
Linnell Electric (Fourth Street light replacement)	\$3,378.14
Delores Manchester (reimbursement for postage)	\$ 17.42
OPI (monthly copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99
Basin Engineering (Engineering services for Kinnear Library)	\$3,500.00
McGill Volunteer Fire Dept. (Lee Garcia) (reimbursement for Easter supplies)	\$ 188.94
Iono Web (2 quarterly web page maintenance)	\$ 270.00

Council Member Borovansky motioned to approve the above listed bills for payment.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Stacy Laird reported there is a person building a fence around his home with pallets. It appears that he is making the fence double the height of pallets, it is a home located on the corner at the bottom of Avenue A, or #38 Avenue A. This fence of pallets is extremely unsightly and she does not know if there is an ordinance prohibiting this.

The secretary explained that the ordinance addressing unsightly yards requires that the letter be addressed to the Board of County Commissioners, the BOCC will then forward the concern on to the Sheriff for possible enforcement. This is because law enforcement officers are trained to identify what constitutes an unsightly yard, Council Members are not trained in that field. She does not recall if the county ordinance addresses fences constructed of used pallets.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the Board of County Commissioners and provide a copy to the Sheriff and to the County/City Building Inspector.

Stacy Laird reported that the Safety Industries Building had been broken into again. People seem to be entering the building by knocking out the window AC unit. They have contacted law enforcement again regarding the entry, an officer responded, inspected the building, and secured the door again. This has happen several times, she is aware there is still a considerable amount of equipment in the building, and she is concerned that people are beginning to remove that equipment.

Council Member McVicars pointed out that law enforcement has taken care of that situation, but he would like to see what it will take to begin getting McGill cleaned up.

County Commissioner Coster explained that McGill is not alone, other communities have expressed problems with unsightly homes/yards in their neighborhood, and he would note that this may encompass several different ordinances. There is one town board that is mailing notices to the property owners notifying them to bring the home/yard up to code.

The secretary recalled that the Town Council rented a buss several years ago, the Council, along with the Board of County Commissioners, District Attorney, law enforcement toured McGill and listed the homes that fell within the unsightly yard ordinance. Not all concerns were regarding unsightly yards, some were health issues, animal issues, tall dry weeds, weeds that pose a fire danger. There is an ordinance that addresses the failure to remove accumulations (household waste must be hauled to the landfill at least every 2 weeks). If the Town Council is planning on addressing the unsightly yards, they will need to identify the problem, such as: failure to haul trash, unsightly/offensive yards, fire hazard, etc. and list each address so the owners can be notified by the proper authorities.

Council Member McVicars suggested the matter be addressed further, possibly develop a map, flow chart, pictures, identify the problems, and bring it to the next Council meeting.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

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

#### ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No animals at large to report at this time.

#### PARK MAINTENANCE:

Woody Robison, Parks Manager, addressed the Council explaining that he is ready to return to work this season. He would like to begin cleaning the Avenue K Park because he would like it to be presentable for the Easter Bunny's visit. Also, there is a severe gopher problem and he needs to begin working on that. He will try to limit his working hours to 30 hours per week, and he would like his assistant to not work any more than 30 hours per week. He has spoken with the previous Parks Assistant about reducing his working hours down to 30 hours or less per week, and that there will be no longer any overtime allowed. Richard indicated that he needed to work 30 or more hours. If Richard does not accept working less than 30 hours per week, he would then ask the Town Council to advertise for the assistant position. He will also stipulate in the new advertisement that any assistant parks worker must work weekends.

Woody Robison continued with his report, explaining that after the gophers have been taken care of, he will require assistance fertilizing all the lawns. He and his assistant does more than just maintain the parks, they must clean streets, gutters, trim trees around stop signs, etc.

Council Member Borovansky reported that, in speaking with a previous Council Member, he learned that the White Pine County Maintenance Department can make themselves available to assist with fertilizing the lawns. The Council instructed the secretary to prepare the Personnel Action form to bring Dennis "Woody" Robison to return to work for the summer season.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

No report given this month.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported that he had Linnell Electric out to repair street lights this past month, and they fixed some of the lights at no charge because of a second call out. He spoke with Mt. Wheeler Power about getting the light connected for the 4<sup>th</sup> street light that had been hit by traffic.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borovansky reported that the last Neighborhood Watch meeting was short. Deputy Alan Pedersen was away at training and the Sheriff's Office could not spare another officer.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

It was noted that McGill is ready to receive the Easter Bunny at the Avenue K Park.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

KINNER LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center representative, addressed the Board explaining that the first grade children will be at the Community/Senior Center on March 16<sup>th</sup>. These students come for one on one reading and they also have crafts for them to work on. Also, they will be having "Music Night" on Friday evening. Everyone is invited.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Association, explained that they have already begun making plans for Labor Day activities. One of their members would like to rework the old Frosty Stand. Any money earned will be put toward the McGill Ball Park. The owner of the Frosty Stand will handle cleaning and preparing the inside of the building while their volunteers will clean and prepare the outside area. Also, they had recently been approached by a person in Elko who had some used bleachers they would like to sell. Their organization will look into this further and report back to the Council at a future meeting.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, explained again, that they are working on the Easter activities. They would like to meet with all the other volunteer organizations so they can assist them and share responsibilities for other activities for the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

County Commissioner Coster recalled the previous discussion about cleaning the sewer access in front of the Post Office. With the Council's permission, he would like to send a letter to NDOT asking them to report back to the Council about cleaning the sewer.

Cynthia Angelopoulos, MRA, recalled a previous discussion about sidewalk grant funding.

The Council directed the secretary to inquire with the EDC office about any grant funding for repair or replacement of sidewalks.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.