

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on July 17, 2018 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:

Andy McVicars, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Ernie Rivera, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary
Chris Maestes
Raymond Maestes
John Fitzgerald
Sadie Goff
Bonnie Gurr, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center
Lynn Ballandby, McGill Parks
Sue Ann Manning
Kelly Vodopich
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA
Luke Shady, WPC Deputy Sheriff

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

Council Member Angelopoulos led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for comments from the audience.

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he had spoken to Public Works Director, Bill Calderwood, regarding the next round of SNPLMA grant applications. He had already spoken with him about public restrooms for the Circle Parks. Public Works Calderwood would like to expand the application to include more than just restrooms. He would like comments from the Council.

It was noted that all the McGill parks are in desperate need of curb, gutters, and sidewalks. It was also noted that the farthest North park had been planned to have a basketball court, skateboard arena, etc. It was further noted that McGill had a Parks Master Plan completed a few years ago, but the cost estimates are outdated by now.

The Council directed the secretary to provide another copy of the McGill Park Master Plan to the Public Works Department.

Parks Grounds Keeper Ballandby inquired about getting the Honor Camp to work around the parks in McGill for a day. All the gutters and storm drains are full of weeds and trash. There is also a lot of raking and general cleanup he could use some help with.

Council Chairman McVicars explained that most of the Honor Camp crews are out fighting fires, so it may be a while before a crew is available.

UPDATE ON MCGILL DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:

It was recalled that 3 McGill business had responded to McGill's inquire regarding painting and sprucing up their storefronts (Post Office – Sheriff's Office Bld. – Old Stage Depot Bld.) The Post Office had been selected for the first painting project, and the other 2 storefronts had both requested the Town Council provide them with suggested dates.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to schedule the painting as follows:

1. Post Office Building – August 4th and 5th at 9:00 A.M.
2. Sheriff's Office Building – August 18th and 19th at 9:00 A.M.

3. Old Stage Depot Building – will be determined at a later date.

Council member Rivera suggested to contact former Sheriff Buddy Sampson to invite him to view the painting of the Old Sheriff's Office Building because he used to be a Deputy stationed in McGill and worked out of that building.

The Council directed the secretary to contact the owner of the Old Sheriff's Office Building to see if he can be present on that date.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL MCGILL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that the McGill Revitalization has their meeting scheduled for tomorrow night, of which everyone is welcome to attend. The parade is set for September 3rd, but they have not decided on the theme for the parade yet. They are planning on planning holding the annual baseball game at the McGill Ball Park, picnic at the Swimming Pool Park, fireworks on the tailings, etc.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS FOR Fiscal year 2018/2019:

The following purchase orders for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 were read into the record:

Bradley's Bestway Market (Annual Labor Day Picnic Supplies)	\$ 2,000.00
Bradley's Bestway Market (Christmas Candy and oranges for Santa to deliver)	\$ 300.00
Apex Pest Control (broadleaf treatment for parks)	\$ 1,000.00
Fireworks West International (Fireworks for Labor Day)	\$ 5,000.00
JW Electric (repair of street lights)	\$10,000.00
JW Electric (Annual street light inventory)	\$ 4,000.00
Sanitary Septic Service (portable toilets for street dance-Labor Day street dance)	\$ 540.00

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the purchase order requests for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

STATUS REPORT/UPDATE ON THE MCGILL SWIMMING POOL AND UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MCGILL SWIMMING POOL

It was noted that the White Pine Aquatics Director, Megan Brown, has recently resigned from her position and moved from the area. It is undetermined who will replace her.

It was recalled that Megan Brown explained that she has \$16,000 for capital improvement to the McGill Pool, and she had provided the Council with a list of suggested items to be placed at the McGill pool. Obtaining a new diving board has posed a problem because manufactures are refusing to sell to swimming pools that do not have cement bottoms. McGill having a natural spring and sandy bottom does not qualify for insurance.

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to select the Shipwreck as one of the pool playing areas.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

It was also reported that the Fourth of July landed on a Wednesday this year. Many visitors were in McGill and very disappointed that the pool was closed for cleaning.

Also, Megan Brown had previously reported there was a large sign for the McGill Pool, but the sign has not been installed yet.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the Aquatics Department stating they would like the Shipwreck ordered with the hopes of it arriving before Labor Day. Also, include in the letter that the Council would hope that the Pool would not be closed on major holidays during the summer months. Also, inquire when the McGill Pool sign will be installed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Duibrutz motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated June 19, 2018.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was mailed or received since the previous meeting:

1. Invitation to attend the “Memories of the Ruth Mining Area” dedication of fallen miners Memorial.
2. E-mail from Veterans Initiative to Town Council regarding air races and CAF.
3. E-mail to Christina from Veterans Initiative regarding air races.
4. Secretary monthly report.
5. Memo to WPC Sheriff regarding water theft from Community/Senior Center.
6. Spreadsheet from McGill-Ruth Water showing excessively high water usage at the Community/Senior Center.
7. Memo to WP Finance requesting Certificate of Insurance.
8. Memo to WP Finance regarding error in coding street light expense.
9. Letter to JW Electric requesting detailed invoices listing repaired lights.
10. E-mail to WPC Road Dept. informing them of “one Way” sign that was down.
11. Memo to WPC Sheriff regarding speeding traffic.
12. E-mail from Public Works regarding obtaining gas at the County Shops.
13. Memo to WPC Road Dept. requesting estimate to repair Red Cross Ambulance.
14. Letters to McGill business owner/operators regarding beautification project and responses asking for suggested dates.
15. E-mail from WP Finance Director explaining her research on insurance claims on street lights.
16. Letter to Cooperative Extension Office regarding Stay Strong, Stay Healthy classes.
17. Deposit in the amount of \$132.00 for rental of Center in lieu of internet.
18. Letters to local businesses giving authorization to charge.
19. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.
20. WPC Sheriff’s Office Report re: theft of water.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE:

The following bills were read into the record:

JW Electric (street light repair)	\$637.50
Lynn Ballandby (reimbursement for purchase of parks gas)	\$ 35.66
OPI (copy machine monthly contract)	\$ 29.99
WPC Road Department (parks gasoline)	\$118.15
Bradley’s Bestway Market (cleaning supplies)	\$ 17.73
Bath Lumber (Parks-Weedeater)	\$211.76

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

Council member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting on the reimbursement voucher to Lynn Ballandby.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported that someone had left an old fridge at #13 Avenue J, but later someone had returned and removed the door, so it no longer represents a safety issue.

It was also reported that there are several unlicensed vehicles at #22 North 3rd Street.

Council member Rivera inquired about fire dangers in town.

Deputy Sheriff Luke Shady explained that if a home represents a fire danger, the Town Council can contact the Building Inspector to have the home condemned. If there should be a yard full of dry grass or weeds that may pose a fire danger, they can contact the Sheriff’s Office and an officer would assess the problem and proceed accordingly.

Parks Grounds Keeper Ballandby reported that he has been moving the McGill dump trailer to the various locations each week, but he has been leaving the trailer at that location for a full week, then he hauls the full trailer to the landfill.

The Council noted that if anyone requires assistance in dragging larger items to the dump trailer, they can contact any Council Member for help.

It was reported there is a camp trailer parked partially in the street on Second Street.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

A few persons in the audience commented on the number of barking dogs in McGill, and several residents having more than the “2 dog per household” limit.

Deputy Sheriff Luke Shady explained that if there are complaints about dogs during the day time, then can contact the Animal Control Office, if there concerns are after hours, they can contact the Sheriff’s Office and sign a complaint.

The Council directed the secretary to place a notice in the Post Office with the phone numbers to call regarding animal control matters.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Chairman McVicars recalled that McGill has been having problems filling the position of Parks Grounds Keeper. He hired 2 person – 1 person did not complete the paperwork at White Pine Human Resource, and 1 person worked for about a week, but was then called out on a fire. He has attempted to contact him, but he is not answering his phone. Lynn Ballandby offered to help McGill, so he made the decision to hire him. Mr. Ballandby has been working steady ever since.

Council Chairman McVicars instructed the secretary to prepare the paperwork to remove the first 2 parks workers from McGill payroll.

Raymond Maestes asked why McGill has to maintain all the parks in McGill, but not the Swimming Pool Park.

Council Member Rivera explained that the parks were donated to McGill, but McGill cannot own property, so the title to the parks is with White Pine County.

The secretary explained further. White Pine County and McGill Town Council has a cooperative agreement, whereby McGill will maintain the parks and the County will winterize the parks and repair any damage that results from freezing in the winter. The County also provides garbage collection service. The reason the Swimming Pool Park is not included in the cooperative agreement is because when the Pool was donated to the Town, the pool actually was not within the town limits. It was not until a few years ago that the McGill Town Council was successful in annexing land surrounding the town, thereby expanding the town boundaries and including the Swimming Pool within the town limits.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she has provided the Council is the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget and the final spreadsheet for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. McGill is ending their budget year with 91% of their revenues coming in, and with only 42% spent, leaving a substantial amount to be placed in their fund balance.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

It was reported that Lee Garcia has moved from the area and is no longer McGill Fire Chief. The new McGill Fire Chief is Ricky Garcia.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the new McGill Fire Chief congratulating him on his appointment and to invite him to the Town Council meetings.

STREET LIGHTS:

Several Council Members requested to review the new way JW Electric is itemizing their billing.

Council Chairman McVicars read the itemized billing into the record.

It was reported that the light at Avenue and Second Street is out.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby assured the audience that she would place this on the list of repairs, but a repair truck cannot come out until there are more than 5 lights out.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that the “Yield” sign located at the SE corner of Third and Avenue H is setting too far back and that there is a tree blocking the view.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the memo to the Road Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported that the McGill Neighborhood Watch held their third annual Bicycle Rodeo. There was a good turnout with 14 youth participating. Prizes were awarded and every participant was a winner.

YOUth/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that she had recently ordered the Christmas Candy.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their volunteer organization is gearing up for the annual Labor Day activities. They have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 7:00 PM and everyone is welcome to attend.

Deputy Shady inquired if they were planning on holding the annual baseball game again this year.

He was assured that the baseball game was on for Sunday, and that the fireworks are still planned.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN’S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

RENOVATIONS TO THE KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he has spoken with the Public Works Director, Bill Calderwood, and was assured that the County Maintenance Department would return to continue working on the Kinnear Library Building in the winter.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Sue Ann Manning, Museum Board, addressed the Council explaining that the McGill Drug Store Museum is now open on Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 to 3:00. They have had a steady flow of people visiting the Drug Store Museum, and they will open for special tours. Seeking volunteers is an ongoing project, once they school the volunteers about the history inside the Drug Store Museum, then the volunteers can then give tours.

Council Chairman McVicars, agreed, stating there is a lot of history in all the museums. He has found visiting museums very informative.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for any further comments.

John Fitzgerald addressed the Council explaining that some Commemorative Air Force representatives attended the air races. They toured the Old Safety Industries Building (Now Veterans Initiative) and they are excited about making McGill their headquarters. The CAF has 13,000 members and they are interested in bringing their restoration business here, they are still talking about a few other businesses owned and operated by veterans that are looking to relocate. The CAF has a large variety of membership, they have been in communication with the Society of Mining Engineers, and there is talk of reviving the Civil Air Patrol. If the CAF decides to locate a branch office here, they plan on utilizing one of his offices. They have contacted BLM about available land in the area, including available land near McGill and the Airport.

Council Chairman McVicars noted that the McGill Town Council supports the Commemorative Air Force and will be sending them a letter of welcome to the community.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to come before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.