

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on August 20, 2019 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, Chairperson
Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Member: Ernie Rivera, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary
Darren Wallis, WPC Sheriff Deputy
Raymond Maestes
Ricky Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Elinor Blackham, McGill EMT
Alfred Hectherly
Anthony J. Gilbert
James Park
Hal Hollingsworth
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA
Kathe Tefft
Mark Tefft
Jesse Ciscar, McGill Volunteer Fireman
David Miller, Basin Engineering
Teddy Sedgwick
Christine Ronez
Edward Willis
Joe Timko
Danny Reed
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center
Roberta Stein
Scott Laity
Bob Kluck

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the audience.

Ricky Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, addressed the Council explaining that there is a Town Council Member harassing all the volunteer firemen. He referred to the previous Joint meeting with the WPC Fire Commission where that Council Member spoke of a certain incident. The District Attorney had explained to him, in that meeting, that the incident he had been referring to had been fully investigated and that those allegations had been unfounded. However, that particular Town Council Member is still following them and responding to every call and following the ambulance, as well.

Jesse Ciscar, McGill Volunteer Fireman, addressed the Council, stating that he is also being harassed by that Council Member. That Council Member is showing up on every emergency call, standing in the way, and then chasing after the ambulance.

Hal Hollingsworth, and several other McGill Volunteer Firemen agreed, all stating that they are being harassed by that Town Council Member when they respond on a call.

Council Member Angelopoulos stated that is not the sentiment of the other McGill Town Council Members. They all sincerely appreciate all that the volunteers do for the Town of McGill. They appreciate all the Volunteer Firemen, the Volunteer EMTs, and all the other volunteer organizations in McGill. It is the volunteers who make McGill what they are.

Roberta Stein addressed the Council explaining that an incident occurred on August 17th where the husband of a Town Council Member approached her, yelling at her for driving her side by side (OHV) on Avenue C. She had tried to explain that her OHV vehicle was street legal, licensed, and insured. Law Enforcement was called and the officer referred to NRS 490 stating that OHV's were legal if licensed. Later that same day, she drove down an alley and was again accosted by the husband of a Town Council Member. He yelled at her and said he would "come kick her ass". That is when the Town Council Member joined into the shouting using foul language. She did not feel that type of language was very becoming of a McGill Town Council Member. Again, Law Enforcement was called and they documented the incident. She has provided a copy of her prepared statement for the Board of County Commissioners, with a copy to the District Attorney. Her reason for appearing at this meeting is to voice her opinion that a member of the McGill Town Council should know the rules/laws and should be held to a higher standard to uphold safety of the public since they are representing the town and the McGill community.

Several other persons were in the audience, all stating that they were in attendance to defend those who drive licensed OHVs, and voiced their comments about being yelled at for driving their 4-wheeler or side by side in that part of town. All stating that their OHVs are street legal, licensed, and insured.

Kathy Tefft addressed the Council addressed the Town Council referring to the many street lights that are in need of repair.

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that the McGill Town Council has been working on a project, whereby, they will be converting all the street lights in Town to LED lights. The Council has divided this project over a three year period. They had been waiting for the new budget year to implement Phase One of this project. There are about 30 street lights in need of repairs, and those will be the lights converted to LEDs first. The other 30 other lights will be converted on Main Street. The next budget year, the Town Council will select another section of McGill to convert to LED lighting. The third year, the Council will have the last of the street lights converted to LED. As the McGill contract electrician removes the old lights, he will salvage usable parts and repair other lights in need of repair. Once this three year project is completed, McGill will have all the street lights in Town converted to LEDs and there will be less maintenance.

Mark Tefft noted that the street light at #27 Avenue B, the light is out. Another light that is out is at the corner of Avenue B and Second Street.

Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, addressed the Board explaining that the Center is not as clean as it should be. There are times when the floors have not been swept and the toilets and bathroom sinks are not clean.

Council Chairperson Ballandby assured members of the volunteer library that she will follow through with the matter.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

It was reported that the insurance documents have been received, there will be vendors at both the BBQ and the Street Dance, Parade will be on Second Street and followed by the Street Dance, restrooms have been ordered, and there will be a softball game with the Firemen –vs- WPC Sheriff's Office.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS REGARDING RECENT FLASH FLOOD THAT OCCURRED IN MCGILL TOWN:

It was reported that a letter has been sent to the White Pine Public Works Department thanking them for their fast response in coming to McGill following the flash flood. Correspondence noted the Town Council's appreciation to their employees for working late into the night cleaning debris from the roadways.

Several persons in the audience listed some areas that have not been worked on yet, as follows:

Many alleys have been washed out

Alley between Avenue B & C is totally washed out where people cannot access their garage

Avenue J & 3rd Street, the storm drain is totally washed out

The lower portion of Avenue I is completely washed out with the ruts so deep that vehicles cannot access

Seventh Street, which is gravel, but the roadway has been covered with debris that was washed down from the Avenues

The Council directed their secretary to forward this list on to the Public Works Department.

STATUS REPORT ON RECENT VANDALISM/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AT THE MCGILL PARKS:

Lynn Ballandby, McGill Parks Manager, addressed the Council explaining that vandals have struck at the McGill Parks on 2 occasions. All the sprinklers at the Ball Park have been destroyed, and 20 sprinkler heads at the Circle Parks have been destroyed. Each time, there has been a police report filed and the Sheriff's Office has ordered additional patrol of the parks. The secretary at the County Maintenance Department has been very helpful in ordering cases of sprinkler heads for the Ball Park. As of this date, total damages comes to \$1712.78. He would ask, if people see anyone in the McGill parks late at night, to call the police.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller requested an agenda item to discuss offering a reward for any information leading to the arrest of the vandals.

The secretary explained that McGill used to have a budget line item for a reward. The previous vandalism was a few years back where someone kept digging up the new trees in the parks. A private donation in the amount of \$500 was given, and the McGill Town Council matched that, making the reward \$1000.00. As of this date, nobody has come forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated July 16, 2019.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller 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. Various e-mails regarding flash flood and listing areas of concern, on July 27, 2019.
2. Order to Ely Times for name plate for new Council Member.
3. Letter from Mr. Kluck requesting minutes and response.
4. Memo to Public Works Department regarding storm drain issues.
5. Memo to Sheriff regarding nuisance complaints.
6. Memo to Job Connect regarding assistant parks new hire.
7. Letters to vendors listing persons for authorization to charge.
8. Memo to Sheriff requesting police reports on vandalisms.
9. Secretary monthly report.
10. E-mails regarding park vandalisms.
11. Memo from Public Works Director questioning unusually high water bill at Center.
12. Memo to Kinneer Library/Cultural Center informing they cannot run a garden hose to water a garden on a different parcel of land.
13. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$100 in the name of Sue Rhea for the McGill Swimming Pool.
14. Neighborhood Watch report regarding park vandalism.
15. Letter of appreciation to WPC Road Dept. for their fast response following the flash flood that hit McGill.
16. Letter to DZine welcoming their new business to McGill's business district.
17. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water GID agenda.
18. Basin Engineering design plans and bidding documents for the McGill Ball Park.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 6.18
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 37.00
(case of copy paper)	
WPC Road Dept.	\$157.60
(parks gasoline)	
WPC Aquatics Center	\$460.00
(4 lifeguards training)	
WPC Road Dept.	\$171.36
(parks gasoline)	
Cynthia Angelopoulos	\$ 25.00
(reimbursement for swimming pool park rent)	
C & B Auto	\$ 76.86

(mower oil)	
Bath Lumber	\$214.21
(park supplies)	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly copy machine contract)	
Ely Times	\$ 14.95
(name plate for Council Member)	

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller seconded the motion.

Council Member Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the voucher to her.

Motion was carried by majority vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

There were no nuisances reported.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

It was reported that a Pit Bull dog residing at #27 North 6th Street keeps getting out of the yard.

The Council directed the secretary to forward this concern on to Animal Control.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 8% into their budget year with zero amount of revenues being received. Presently McGill is 5% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Ricky Garcia, McGill Fire Chief, reported that they have responded to 14 calls in McGill. Presently there are 19 members of the McGill Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Garcia provided a list and contact information for all volunteer firemen. He noted that the 1945 Red Cross Ambulance is still parked at the Fire Station #1 Building and they would like it brought to McGill.

The secretary explained that she had the memo typed; however, she did not know how the firemen wanted the ambulance transported.

McGill Fireman Ciscar explained that Battle Born Restoration will pick up and transport the ambulance.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia explained that the firemen are planning on painting “McGill Fire Department” on the sides of the 1945 Red Cross Ambulance, then park it at the corner in front of the Fire Station.

Council Member Miller inquired about the promises made by the White Pine County Fire Commission.

Fire Chief Garcia assured the Council that the Fire Commission is following through on many of the promises so far.

STREET LIGHTS:

Nothing new to report.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Maestes reported that the County Road Department is beginning to install some of the new street signs that had been ordered.

Lynn Ballandby, Parks Manager, asked in regards to placing a cross walk near the grade school. Also, inquiring about possibly changing it to a one way street.

No answer was given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there were 7 persons in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. Officer Jeremiah Peterson was not in attendance.

The major topic at the meeting was about the recent vandalism at the Ball Park and the Circle Parks. To date, damages total \$1,712.78. They discussed the possibility of extra lighting at the Circle Parks, locking Ball Park gates at night, and the possibility of acquiring security cameras for the Ball Park. They also discussed possibly working with the Grade School regarding security cameras.

The Neighborhood Watch also discussed the many side by side and 4-wheelers that are being driven around town by very young children. Some of the OHVs have as many as 6 or 7 children piled inside. One 3-wheeler was driven by

a woman, there were 2 young kids hanging on each of the back fenders, and an infant in diapers balancing on the handle bars. The Neighborhood Watch had not expressed any problems with any of the licensed OHV's traveling on roadways.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that she has ordered the Christmas candy that Santa will be handing out.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, reported there is a new business locating her beauty store 2 doors from the Post Office. Also, the IOOF Hall is still working with the building department regarding the sprinkling system for the building.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, addressed the Council explaining that they held an art class and it had been very well attended, with over 20 youth in attendance. The Library understands there was a very large water bill for the month of July. If the McGill Town Council wishes, they can help pay the bill.

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that the McGill Town Council granted them permission to plant a community garden, the garden is for the community, and the Library does not owe anything toward the water bill.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that they have placed posters around town advertising the activities during the Labor Day weekend. There will be a parade on Second Street on Friday and the Street Dance will follow the parade. There will be several vendor booths at the Street Dance and at the annual picnic/"Big Splash". Fireworks will be shot off out on the Tailings, as they have been for the past few years. On Sunday the McGill Volunteer Firemen and the White Pine Sheriff's Office will face off for their annual ball game. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the weekend.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Council Chairperson Ballandby recalled that the WP County Maintenance Department are only able to work on the Kinnear Library during the winter months when the weather is bad. She had an opportunity to view their work a few weeks ago. Most of the major work has been completed. Some of the remaining work is to tape and texture the walls and then paint. The bathrooms still need fixtures and the kitchen cabinets will need to be ordered and installed. She has spoken with the Library personnel and learned that they would prefer industrial carpet in the library portion of the building. She would suggest laminate be installed in the Town Council Meeting Chambers. She would suggest that tile be placed in the kitchen and linoleum in the restrooms. The outside work will include a parking lot in the rear of the building, along with ADA accessible parking spaces by the back door.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any further comments from the audience.

Dave Miller, Basin Engineering, addressed the Council and provided them with a new diagram of the Ball Park. He also provided the Council with a bid check list and bidding schedule. He explained that the grant was for over \$900,000.00. \$797,312.00 is reserved for construction. There will be a lot of work to be done at the Ball Park. They will have to stabilize the dirt behind the bleachers. The announcer stand will have to be totally rebuilt. There will be a lot of grading and new sidewalks. Basin Engineering was able to obtain a 1940 drawing, and they will be building the fields, which will be to NIAA standards. They will also be building new bathrooms. They were \$198,000 over bidding at the BOCC meeting, so the matter had been tabled. They are still trying to work in playground equipment, and they will continue to work with SNPLMA (granting agency).

Several persons in the audience made comments and asked questions.

The McGill Town Council thanked Dave Miller and everyone at Basin Engineering for their outstanding work on this project.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.