

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

Kelly Vanderpole, Acting secretary  
Richard Howe, County Commissioners  
Lynn Ballandby, McGill Parks Manager  
Madeline Kalleres  
Raymond Maestes  
Roberta Stein  
Sue Chilson  
Ricky Garcia, McGill Fire Chief  
Mary Kerner  
Gary Stokes  
Hal Hallingsworth

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any comments from the audience.

Gary Stokes addressed the Council expressing concern about a stop sign/4-way stop at the corner of Avenue B and Smelter Street. Also, he noted there is an issue with a horse trailer blocking the view of the stop sign at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Avenue C.

Roberta Stein addressed the Council commenting about the vacant homes, and the lack of upkeep, in McGill.

County Commissioner Howe noted that it was a terrific turnout during the annual Labor Day weekend in McGill. He also spoke briefly about the demolition of condemned houses in McGill. Those condemned houses cost \$26,000 to demolish. The BOCC is now looking into a few other houses that are to be condemned and they have already sent certified letters to the homeowners. He explained that the diesel tax law of 5 cents per gallon on diesel fuel in White Pine County has passed with a super majority, and will be imposed on January 1, 2020. That tax is expected to generate about half a million dollars for White Pine County, and will go toward roads in WPC. Commissioner Howe also commented that under "Public Comment" that the matter is for comment only. If there is to be a debate, then the matter should be placed on the next agenda for discussion, and/or action.

It was also reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new jail will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost of that project will be \$34,000,000.00.

APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK IN WHITE PINE COUNTY:

Mary Kerner addressed the Council about "Red Ribbon Week". Explaining that this is a campaign for citizens and kids to be drug free. White Pine County recognizes Red Ribbon Week from October 20<sup>th</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup>. The White Pine Sheriff's Office will be giving presentations in the schools and around town. The message is "Staying Drug Free". There will also be a guest speaker from Henderson to speak on the matter.

OFFERING A REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR VANDALIZING PARKS IN MCGILL:

Lynn Ballandby, McGill Parks Manager, reported the recent vandalism in the McGill parks. Close to \$2,000 in damages have happened so far.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to table the discussion regarding the Council offering a reward until their secretary returns.

STATUS REPORT AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN OPERATING HOURS FOR KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER(volunteer library):

It was reported that the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center will hold a Family Fun Time from 11 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, September 28 at the McGill Community/Senior Center. There will be crafts and “walking tacos”. They will be changing their “Story Hour” to 3 PM to 5 PM on Fridays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairman Miller motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated August 20, 2019. Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion. Motion was carried by a majority vote of the quorum present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. C-A-L Ranch authorization to charge.
2. Secretary monthly report.
3. Memo to Animal Control Officer.
4. Memo to WPC Maintenance re Kinnear Library Building.
5. Memo to WPC Road Dept. re Flash Flood.
6. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$1,300 donation for fireworks.
7. Deposit in the amount of \$60.00 for sale of 2 McGill history books.
8. Memo re 1945 Red Cross ambulance.
9. Letter from WPC Clerk listing estimate for updates to EMS/Fire Station in the amount of \$295,000.00.
10. Letter to BOCC forwarding citizens complaints.
11. Deposit in the amount of \$90.00 for the sale of 3 McGill history books.
12. Deposit in the amount of \$30.00 for the sale of 1 McGill history book.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

White Pine County Road Department (parks gasoline)	\$ 191.99
OPI (copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99
C & B Auto (park supplies)	\$ 32.88
Bradley’s Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch meeting refreshments)	\$ 13.15
Fireworks West International (Labor Day Fireworks)	\$6,300.00
Bradley’s Bestway Market (cleaning supplies for center)	\$ 30.15
Roxane Ballandby (reimbursement for Parks tire repair)	\$ 20.00
Bradley’s Bestway Market (Labor Day Picnic)	\$1,336.18
Bath Lumber (park supplies)	\$ 510.88

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller seconded the motion.

Council Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting on the reimbursement voucher.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

A person in the audience reported there is a trailer on the corner of Second and Avenue J and the weeds are waist high, dry and dead, which could be a fire hazard. Someone mentioned again the horse trailer and tall weeds near the stop sign at the corner of Second Street and Avenue C.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Nothing reported.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Parks Manager Ballandby reported that he is still replacing sprinkler heads (8 heads this past month). He has also been setting gopher traps, as there appears to be a record number of gophers this fall.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

No report given.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that she had spoken with JW Electric (contractor for McGill street lights) and learned that the new LED lighting had been placed on back order. There are over 30 lights on the list for scheduled repair and they will be repaired as soon as stock arrives.

It was reported that the light at 14<sup>th</sup> and Avenue A remains on all the time.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported that there is a street sign on Circle Drive that needs to be replaced due to being spray painted black. Also the stop sign at First Street and Avenue G has been sprayed painted black.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there had been 6 persons at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. Officer Jeremiah Peterson was in attendance.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

It was reported that December 14<sup>th</sup> will be the date for Santa to arrive in McGill during the annual Christmas Parade. Other activities are still in the planning stages.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

No report given.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

It was noted that continued renovations will resume this winter.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Council Chairperson Ballandby requested to place on the next agenda for the replacement of some street signs in McGill.

Also place on the next agenda to schedule a date for the “Grand Opening” for the Locksmith business.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.