

The regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on June 16, 2020 at the Kinnear Library/Town Hall Building located at #4 North Fourth (Main) Street at 7:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Roxane Ballandby, Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Danielle Jensen, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Member: Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk
Richard Howe, White Pine County Commissioner
Jennifer Hollingsworth, McGill EMT
Hal Hollingsworth, McGill Volunteer Fireman
Chas Hollingsworth
Ricky Garcia, McGill Fire Chief
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA
Cheyenne Gibson, Nevada Rural Census
Kyle Horvath, Tourism & Rec Board

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any comments from the audience.

Commissioner Howe addressed the Council complimenting the completion of the Kinnear Library/Town Hall building. Noting that the Kinnear Library Building is an iconic place in McGill. Commissioner Howe reported that the budget for White Pine County has been submitted to the State of Nevada. Explaining that the County is in a holding pattern. They are looking at the budget cuts coming in from Carson City. Presently Nevada has gone into "Stage 2" when they had their soft opening. They cannot open any other businesses until we move into "Stage 3". The McGill Swimming Pool has officially opened 4 days a week, but there are restrictions that must be adhered to. Aquatics Director Kristi is still training lifeguards with the hopes of hiring more lifeguards. White Pine County received one million dollars since the Covid-19 started. City of Ely received \$700,000. Those funds need to be used only for Covid-19 related expenditures, so they will not be placed in the County General Fund. The State of Nevada stopped all highway construction projects, but White Pine County will be working on the Great Basin Highway. That project will continue until 2021. The Justice Center is on schedule and construction is moving along very well. White Pine County did not have to lay off any employees. The County looks good for 2021, but 2022 may change the story. The mines in White Pine County are doing well and the County receives their net proceeds of mines. Just because those funds look good at the time, the County still needs to be prepared for any changes. He received some complaints about some property in town and he took those complaints to the Sheriff. The Sheriff explained to him that people have to go to the Sheriff's Office and sign a complaint before an officer can follow through. He took a ride through McGill, he is from McGill, and he loves his home town. The County Commission placed in their budget funds for the showers to be built into the McGill Fire Station. All of the County fire departments will be funds through 2021.

Cheyenne Gibson, Nevada Rural Census, addressed the Council reporting on the status of the Census counting in Nevada. All infrastructure, roads etc. depend on the numbers from the US Census. Presently Nevada is at 61% response rate. White Pine County is at 43% and Ely is at 51% response. Paper Census forms have been delivered to the homes. If any person has already completed their Census on line, then they do not need to complete the paper form. A large number of persons still need to be counted in Nevada. They have been using social media to help get the people to complete their Census report.

Raymond Maestes addressed the Council to speak in opposition to the ATV Route. Stating that he is hoping that the McGill Town Council will vote against the ATV route and rules.

REPAIR OF FLAGPOLE LOCATED AT VETERANS/FOUNTAIN PARK:

It was recalled that a person in the audience during a previous meeting had inquired about the flagpole located up at the Fountain/Veterans Park.

Council Chairperson Ballandby suggested that the Council do some research on what would be needed in getting the flagpole operational again. She suggested contacting JW Electric because they have a bucket truck, and the next time they make calls in McGill, they could give an estimate on the costs involved in getting the McGill flagpole operational again.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

Stacy Laird, MRA, explained that the McGill Revitalization Assoc. is scheduling their next meeting to discuss plans with the Women's Auxiliary.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

STUDY/REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ATV ROUTE AND RULES THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1993, AND/OR POSSIBLE APPROVAL AND REQUEST FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES (OHV) ROUTE AND RULES FOR THE TOWN OF MCGILL:

Council Member Jensen reported that the McGill Neighborhood Watch came up with a route so ATV drivers will be able to get out of town, but they still need to study the City of Ely's rules and see if they can be incorporated into what McGill wants.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

PUBLIC ART IDEAS – POTENTIAL MURALS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE TOWN OF MCGILL:

Kyle Horvath, Tourism & Rec Board, addressed the Council explaining that the Tourism & Rec Board helps to support the "Trains to Rail Trip". This is where the Ely train drops off riders of bicycles in various locations, then they can race back to Ely. This activity is offered by very few trains, so they are hopeful this activity can continue.

Kyle Horvath explained that McGill received a \$700 grant to go for Labor Day activities. They will also fund the mural project. The mural needs to tell a story that tourists will understand and enjoy. He has already spoken with the artist about painting the mural for McGill. They need to hold another meeting to discuss some possible story projects.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

SETTING DATE FOR GRAND OPENING OF KINNEAR LIBRARY/TOWN HALL BUILDING:

It was noted that the grand opening of the Kinnear Library/Town Hall Building was decided to be held during the Labor Day weekend. The building will need to be opened during the day so residents and visitors could view the inside of the building and view the history of McGill's pictures.

SETTING DATE AND TIME FOR GRAND OPENING OF D-ZINE SALON:

The secretary reported that she was able to speak with the owner/operator of D-Zine. She indicated that she had to be closed for a few months after she first opened, but she would like to participate in the Labor Day walking of the McGill Business District and celebrate the RE-GRAND OPENING for all the McGill businesses.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Maestes motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated may 19, 2020.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Bills submitted for payment was read into the record as follows:

White Pine County Road Department (ADA parking)	\$742.40
IonoWeb (Four quarterly maintenance for web page)	\$540.00
Delores Manchester (reimbursement for postage stamps)	\$ 55.00
Bath Lumbber (park operating supplies)	\$ 37.95
CAL Ranch Stores (mixed fuel & battery)	\$137.32
OPI (monthly copy machine charge)	\$ 34.50
Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 30.84
White Pine Road Dept. (ADA parking)	\$742.40

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Council Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting on the voucher to CAL Ranch because she works there.

Motion was carried by majority vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported that there has been a car parked out front of the home at #15 3rd Street, that vehicle has not moved in several months.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare a memo to the Sheriff asking if they could check on this the next time they are in McGill patrolling.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Secretary monthly report.
2. Letter from CAL Ranch Stores citing terms of credit account.
3. Letter from MVFD Women's Auxiliary listing activities during Labor Day.
4. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$132.00 for internet in lieu of rent.
5. E-mail from WPC IT regarding relocation of phone, fax, internet.
6. E-mail from WPC Maint regarding park maintenance.
7. Letter to White Pine Little League.
8. Memo to Sheriff regarding nuisance abatements.
9. Letter to City of Ely regarding animal at large.
10. Letter of concern about 4-way stop sign at Avenue B and Smelter.
11. Sympathy letter.
12. McGill-Ruth Sewer and Water Agenda.
13. Calendar of Events from White Pine Chamber.
14. Memos from Co. Maint. Regarding sprinkling systems & Ave K timeclock.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

It was noted there are a couple of Pit Bull dogs with heavy collars who have been seen running at large; however, they do not know where the live.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

It was reported that the Parks Manager has been busy catching up. His assistant has opted to not return this year, but by the time the position is advertised, the work would be ending. The Parks Manager will continue doing the work himself this year. Also, there seems to be a problem with the sprinkling system at the Ball Park. The Parks Manager will need to work with the County Parks and the contractor working on the Ball Park.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that this is the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 final report. There is 22% of the revenues that could come in as late as August or September. Presently McGill has 62% of their expenditures remaining.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Jennifer Hollingsworth, McGill EMT/Fire, addressed the Council reporting that emergency calls have been lower than usual this past year. Most of the McGill Volunteer Firemen work full time jobs, many of whom work shift work; so that limits the number of volunteer time. Also, she believes that people are concerned that they cannot afford the new rates that the City of Ely is proposing. McGill did respond to a few brush fires this past month.

EMT classes are held, but many volunteers cannot afford the cost for the classes. It takes a lot of time to attend classes and a lot of time to volunteer time as an EMT.

The secretary recalled that several years ago, the McGill Town Council financed some people to take the EMT class in Elko. The Town Council paid for the classes and paid for lodging. Jennifer Hollingsworth is a product of that free training classes. Jennifer has paid McGill back 100 times over with the many volunteer hours she has put in while responding to emergencies.

STREET LIGHTS:

The following street lights that are not working was submitted as follows:

First Street and Avenue D is out.

First Street and Avenue E goes on and off.

#3 Fifth Street is out.

#27 North Sixth Street goes on and off.

Second Street and Avenue G is out.

The Council directed the secretary to notify JW Electric about the above listed lights, and while they have the bucket truck in McGill, ask JW Electric if they could check the flagpole located at the top of Circle Drive, take a picture, and see what it would require to make the flagpole functional again.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported that the stop sign on 3rd Street and Avenue A is falling over.

The One-Way sign on North Sixth Street has been tagged.

The Council directed the secretary to notify the Public Works Director about this.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported that the McGill Neighborhood Watch has been busy patrolling and calling in concerns to the Sheriff's Office. Some of the calls consisted of a vacant house with the windows open, someone living in a partially burned house, and lights on inside the McGill Grade School.

There were 14 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting and there is now 100 persons who visit the McGill Neighborhood Watch Web Page. They had a \$300 donation for the McGill Neighborhood Watch program. They have selected July 18th as the date for the Bicycle Rodeo, and they discussed at great length the social distancing for that event. They also have adopted a waiver form for persons to sign before they can go out patrolling. They are not finished working on the ATV Route and Rules. They will be obtaining the City of Ely's ordinance and compare it to McGill's rules.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos noted that nothing is going on right now. She will be placing the order for the Christmas candy this coming week. The basketball rack and hoop is in sad shape. She is requesting an agenda item to purchase a new basketball rack and new hoop.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

A person mentioned the Project 4 Humanity food bank that is scheduled to be held at the McGill Senior Center on June 24th.

The secretary confirmed this by stating that they have completed the rental agreement and reserved the Center for the day. Council Member Angelopoulos waived the rental fee.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

It was reported that the volunteers are still moving their books from the Senior Center to the Kinnear Library Building.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that they will be holding their meeting on Monday at 7:00 P.M. at the Kinnear Library/Town Hall Building. They will also be working with the McGill Volunteer Firemen Women's Auxiliary.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY/TOWN HALL BUILDING:

The Council directed the secretary to remove this item from the agenda.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

It was noted that the Town Council needs to contact the McGill Drug Store Museum to make sure they will be open during the Labor Day festivities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Raymond Maestes inquired about the planned spraying of noxious weeds in and around McGill.

He was assured that cost for this spraying has been placed in the budget for the matching funds to the project.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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