

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on May 19, 2020 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
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Danielle Jensen, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Member: Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/town clerk
Brenda McConaha/Garcia, McGill Women's Auxiliary
David R. Miller, Basin Engineering
Debra Willes
Doug Miller
Kristi Rozich, WP Aquatics Director
Raymond Maestes, Sr.
Curtis Nielson
John Fitzgerald, VeteransInitiative.org
Lynn Ballandby, McGill Parks Manager

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

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

Council Chairperson Ballandby announced that McGill Town Council Vice-Chairman Miller will be under an excused absence for the next few months.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the audience.

Krista Rozich, WPC Aquatics Director, addressed the assemblage on the status of the McGill Swimming Pool. Explaining that the pool is still closed until the Governor gives permission to open. When they are allowed to open the pool, they already have an action plan in place for the guidelines. They have enough lifeguards who have applied, when they are allowed to open. Presently they cannot train anyone right now, but once they open, their training sessions will begin.

Council Member Angelopoulos asked about the guideline for only 10 persons at each time in an assemblage.

WPC Aquatics Director, Kristi, explained that they will have a 10 foot area for a family of four. Persons who walk in together will be considered part of that 4 persons within the 10 foot area. The toddler section will be roped off. There will be no slides and no gyms set up.

Council Chairperson Ballandby asked about larger than 4 families.

WPC Aquatics Director, Kristi, answered that they may have to separate them.

Raymond Maestes addressed the Council encouraging them to vote "No" on the proposed ATV Route. If they end up approving the Route, he would prefer to see routes leading up or down to the path to get out of town.

DISCUSSION ON FINANCIAL EMERGENCY CREATED BY FLUCTUATIONS IN REVENUES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

Elizabeth Francis, White Pine County Finance Director addressed the Council explaining that the economy is presently up side down. Everyone needs to proceed cautiously. She is estimating about a 20% cut in revenues, but that figure may change. All budgets will have to be turned in to the State of Nevada by May 27, 2020.

The secretary noted that McGill usually acquires all their purchase orders for the full year during the first month of the budget year (July). She would like to know if that policy is still in place.

WPC Finance Director Francis answered in the affirmative. Explaining that they can get them approved, but if something changes, they will notify the Town Councils.

DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – REESTABLISH THE MCGILL BALL PARK MODERNIZATION PROJECT COMMITTEE:

Tabatha Hamilton, WPC Grants, addressed the Council wanting to know who was on the committee for her to contact with questions in regards to the McGill Ball Park.

Council Member Angelopoulos explained that she and former Council Member Andy McVicars are still on that contact committee. They have been authorized to make decisions on the Ball Park in between meetings.

DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION-REVIEW AND SELECTION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MCGILL BALL PARK MODERNIZATION PROJECT:

Tabatha Hamilton provided the Council with Options A through Option D2 for playground equipment. Noting that prices range from \$33,810 to \$17,843.

Following a lengthy discussion, Council Member Maestes motioned to select Option B, plus the tire swing as the proposed playground equipment for the Ball Park. Noting that if the tire swing does not fit, then go with Option A. Her motion includes no sky runner.

Council member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION-DIRT VERSUS GRASS INFIELD FOR MCGILL BALL PARK:

Dave Miller, Basin Engineering addressed the Council explaining the suggested change order for dirt versus grass in the infield for the Ball Park.

Council Chairperson Ballandby expressed concerns about less revenues coming in during the coming budget year. The suggested cost of \$24,696 is something that the Town Council does not have, at this time.

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to wait until a later date before authorizing any change order.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

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

DONATION TO WHITE PINE LITTLE LEAGUE:

The Council referred to the correspondence received from the WP Little League requesting a donation; however, the WP Chamber Director sent an e-mail to the McGill Town Council explaining that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Little League has been cancelled for the season.

The Council directed the secretary to send correspondence to the WP Little League expressing their apologies that they had to cancel games this year due to the Covid-19; and asking them to keep McGill Town Council on their mailing list for donations for future years.

RATIFICATION FOR PAYMENT OF MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL BILLS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL:

It was noted for the record that the McGill Town Council had not held a meeting during the month of April; however, bills needed to be paid. The secretary obtained the required signatures and submitted the following bills for payment:

OPI	\$	33.07
(copy machine contract)		
WP Chamber	\$	95.00
(Annual dues)		
JW Electric		\$25,500.00
(1/3 of Street Light LED project)		

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

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

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

CONSTRUCTION OF ADA HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT KINNEAR LIBRARY/TOWN HALL:

The Council referred to the e-mail received from Public Works Director Calderwood stating that he received the occupancy numbers from the State for the Kinnear Library Building and only 1 van accessible ADA parking space will be needed in the parking lot.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby suggested remaining with 2 ADA parking spaces, with the suggested cost of \$10,000 to construct.

After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Maestes motioned to send notice to the Public Works Director stating that McGill would prefer 2 ADA parking spaces at the Kinnear Library Building.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Vote was 3 to 1, with Council member Jensen voting nay.

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

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:

It was noted that the Neighborhood Watch had not held their meeting during the month of April.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter.

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

It was announced that McGill received correspondence from the Tourism and Recreation Board stating they had received the grant in the amount of \$700 to paint a mural on the side of the McGill Drug Store Museum building. Correspondence has also been received announcing dates for 2 other possible grants.

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

It was the consensus of the Town Council to hold the Kinnear Library/Town Hall during the Labor Day weekend, providing the pandemic is no longer in effect.

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

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the agenda. Possibly schedule setting the grand opening, and the re-grand openings for all McGill businesses on the Labor Day weekend festivities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Maestes motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated March 18, 2020.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

OPI	\$31.53
(monthly copy machine contract)	
Cynthia Angelopoulos	\$71.27
(reimbursement for Easter supplies)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 8.99
(Pizza for moving help)	

Council Member Jensen motioned to approve the above listed bills as read.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Council Member Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the bill for reimbursement.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Brenda McConaha/Garcia made reference to the 4-way stop sign that had recently been installed at the corner of Avenue B and Smelter Street. She noted it is difficult to start driving after having come to a complete stop on that steep hill. Also, there is a motor home parked on the street, and the motor home is blocking the view of the recently installed stop sign.

It was also reported that there are 7 or 8 cars parked at #13 Avenue B, in addition to the camper.

It was also reported that there is a camp trailer blocking the stop sign at the corner of Avenue G and Fourth Street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Correspondence received or mail since the previous 2 meetings were listed as follows:

1. Copy of ordinance No. 01.08.2020 – speed limits within McGill Town limits.
2. Letters to vendors for authorization to charge.
3. Letter to Ely Animal Control Officer listing animals at large.
4. Memo to WPC Sheriff listing nuisance abatement complaints.
5. List of CEDS Priorities
6. Secretary monthly reports for April and May.
7. Public Health Decree of Mandatory Regulations to all individuals within the borders of WPC.
8. Sympathy letter to Nevada Highway Patrol & Memo to Parks Mgr. for planting of tree in memory of the fallen trooper.
9. Corres to Justice Court listing community service workers hours.
10. Letter from JW Electric announcing that 1/3 of McGill LED light project was completed.
11. Memo to Public Works requesting installation of electrical box & response.
12. Letter to Queen of Peace Catholic School in response to request for info on McGill.
13. McGill Neighborhood Watch Tip of the Month.
14. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.
15. Corres from Governor's Office regarding listing rules for re-opening of businesses.
16. E-mail from WPC Public Works Dir. Regarding ADA parking at Kinnear Library/Town Hall.
17. E-mail from WPC Finance Dir. listing spending freeze.
18. Corres from WPC Tourism & Rec Board re: grant award & future grants

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

It was reported that there is a German Sheppard running at large at the top of Avenue C. The dog is not vicious; however, it is not staying in the yard.

The Council directed the secretary to send corres to the Animal Control Officer notifying him of this.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Lynn Ballandby, McGill Parks Manager, reported that the Council had planned on starting their parks staff in April; however, the County HR Director delayed his re-hire until after May 1st. This action put him behind schedule in his park maintenance. There is a contract with the County Maintenance Department for maintenance of the parks in McGill, where there turn the water off and on, and then make necessary repairs. He will be planting trees in memory of residents who have passed. The gopher machine might not be effective at some of the parks because of the extensive tunnels they have dug.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported on the Account Summary ending May 31, 2020 listing revenues remaining at -----% and expenditures at 50.90%.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

It was reported that the street light at the corner of Avenue D and 1st Street is out. Also, #3 5th Street the light is out.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported that a section of the street on Avenue G between 2nd and 3rd has been torn up due to some construction in the area. This will be watched to ensure it will be repaired in a timely manner.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported again that the Neighborhood Watch did not hold their meeting during the month of April. She has started a facebook page and now has 94 persons viewing her site. She has already gathered a few people to help with some patrol at night in town. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting hell be held on tomorrow, she will report on that meeting at the next Council meeting.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that youth activities have been put on hold due to the Covid-19. The Easter eggs she obtained have been placed in storage.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

It was reported that the library has been packing their books and moving them down to the Kinnear Library building.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

No report given.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY/TOWN HALL BUILDING:

It was reported that the Town Council office has been moved to the Kinnear Library building. They had a refrigerator donated and they are now looking for a used stove. By leaving the old stove and refrigerator at the Senior Center, will be less for them to place in the building after the Senior Lunch Program opens up again.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

The Council asked if someone from the Drug Store Museum could attend a meeting in the near future to give a status report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.