

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on November 17, 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  
Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman  
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member  
Danielle Jensen, Member  
Chris Maestes, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk  
Raymond Maestes  
Stacy Laird, Bus Rep/MRA  
Victoria Perea, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief  
Kathryn Roman, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Matthew Noriega, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.

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

Council Vice-Chairman Miller led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the public.  
There were no comments at this time.

CREATION OF A MCGILL TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, AND SELECTION OF PERSONS TO SIT ON TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that she would like to see a Town Beautification Committee set up to work on projects. They could hold monthly meetings, solicit donations, and bring their suggestions back to the Town Council. She would like to hear how the other Council Members feel about this.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller noted that this would be a good idea. He feels there are a lot of places that could have a tree planted or building be painted.

Council Member Maestes explained that she had spoken with a County Commissioner and learned that a civilian cannot solicit donations for the governing bodies.

Council Member Angelopoulos suggested to wait on putting the Committee together until after February or March.

The Council agreed, requesting that the secretary place this matter back on the agenda in February.

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that she had been approached by an individual asking to make and donate the wooden plaque in memory of the fallen Highway Patrol Officer. This person has not made the plaque yet due to other work commitments. As soon as she makes this plaque, she will bring it to the Town Council.  
The Council directed the secretary to carry this matter on the agenda.

REPAIR OF FLAGPOLE LOCATED AT VETERANS/FOUNTAIN PARK:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that the bench near the Flagpole has recently been painted. JW Electric bucket truck does not reach the top of the Flagpole, so the Council will need to find somebody with a bucket truck that reaches 80 feet in height.

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, Perea, addressed the Council, explaining that they have looked at the Flagpole. The McGill fire truck does not reach this high, she needs to check with the Ely Fire Department to see if their ladder truck can reach 80 feet high. If it does, they could possibly work out an arrangement to help hang the new flag.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to Mt. Wheeler Power proposing a working project where McGill Town and Mt. Wheeler work on this project because their bucket truck can reach 80 feet in height.

The Council directed the secretary to carry this matter on the next agenda.

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

Council Vice-Chairman Miller questioned if McGill Town Council still had the grant award for the painting of the mural on a building in McGill.

Council Member Angelopoulos explained that, in speaking with Mr. Horvath, she learned that the Tourism and Rec Board would like the mural painted so it could be seen from both traveling directions. They did not like the mural to be painted on corrugated tin, the owner of the Old Club House does not wish to have the mural painted on her building. Council Member Angelopoulos suggested having the mural painted on the side and front of the McGill Fire Department building.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the minutes dated October 27, 2020.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Council Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The following bills were read into the record:

CAL Ranch Stores	\$ .39
(late charges)	
Bath Lumber	\$163.16
(park operating)	
OPI	\$ 31.64
(monthly copy machine contract)	
White Pine County Road Dept.	\$115.42
(park gasoline)	

Council Vice-Chairman Miller motioned to approve the above listed bills for payment.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Council Chairperson Ballandby abstained from voting on the voucher to CAL Ranch.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that there is a motor home located on Sixth Street, behind #48 Fourth (Main) Street. The motor homes is parked up close to the telephone pole and it appears to have no licenses plates. This motor home has been parked at this location for many months.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Memo to WPC Road Dept. re: damaged street sign.
2. Secretary monthly report.
3. Letter to WP High School documenting community service working hours.
4. Letters to Juvenile Probation Dept. documenting community service working hours.
5. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$132.00.
6. Donation from the estate of Mary Sue Rhea for McGill Swimming Pool.
7. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water agenda.
8. Letter from Mt. Wheeler Power gifting Christmas power.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

It was reported that there is a white dog that keeps getting out of the yard and running at large – this dog resides at the lower end of town and residents fear the dog will get hit by a car.

It was further reported there is a German Sheppard running around – this is up at the Avenues.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the Animal Control Officer thanking him for his service and asking if he could watch for these 2 dogs when patrolling.

#### PARK MAINTENANCE:

It was reported that the bench located at the Veterans/Fountain Park has been painted. The Parks Manager purchased a trimmer/edger and he has been trimming around the parks. Also, the McGill dump trailer has not been in McGill town for the past few months. It was recalled that the Council discussed the use of the McGill trailer last year, and it had been noted that only a County vehicle is allowed to haul the McGill Dump trailer. It was the consensus of the Council to make sure this trailer is returned to McGill, where it belongs.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill received another distribution from the State in the amount of \$10,316.72. The Town budget is still slightly in the red; however, funds are still available through the Fund Balance (monies left over from the previous year).

#### FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, Tori Perea, addressed the Council explaining that McGill presently has 18 volunteer firemen, they have 15 recent applications, and 14 of the Volunteer Firemen are attending EMT training classes. They will be soon holding an extraction exercise where they will cut up cars to extract victims from the vehicles. The McGill Volunteer Fire Department responded to 7 calls this past month. One of the calls was a medical call, 2 motor vehicle accidents, and 2 fire calls. McGill Fire Department is assisting the City of Ely and there are a few firemen who are volunteers for both Ely and McGill. They are looking to get the ambulance back next week, and McGill Volunteer Fire Department is continually recruiting for new volunteers.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller inquired about finances and if McGill is receiving funding.

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief Perea answered that funding is alright. They are doing a lot of training. The McGill Volunteer Fire Department are also scheduled to attend the McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting and conduct training for fire prevention on space heaters, and chimney cleaning.

#### STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that JW Electric, as of this date, has only received 14 of the 60 LED street lights that had been ordered. Inventory is hard to receive during these difficult times. JW Electric is working on the lights that had been listed as being out, once they complete the list, then they will begin replacing street lights along Main Street. Once Main Street is converted to LED, then JW Electric will begin replacing street lights on the lower end of town on Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Streets. If there are any LED lights remaining, JW Electric will begin working in Townsite. Once all of the 60 LED lights have been replaced, then McGill Town Council can contact Mt. Wheeler Power so they can adjust the McGill Street Light bill accordingly.

#### STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that she is still receiving complaints about the 4-Way stops at the corner of Avenue B and First. Most people have been reporting to her that they are not coming to a complete stop because that intersection is on the side of a hill and the drivers are losing traction when they start driving again. If the complaints continue, the McGill Town Council may need to request the Board of County Commissioners reconsider this intersection and possibly take steps to modify the County Ordinance.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported that the McGill Neighborhood Watch did not hold their meeting last Wednesday, as planned. Instead, they will be holding the Neighborhood Watch meeting tomorrow night. Special guests will be the McGill Volunteer Fire Department to conduct safety training on space heaters and cleaning of chimneys.

#### YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that the Candy Canes have been ordered several months ago. They will need to work with the Public Health Officials about the protection of Santa Clause from the virus while he is in town for the Holidays. The parade is planned for December 12<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department will be assisting with the food drive and the parade again this year.

#### BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL REPORT:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center has moved all of their books and materials from the Senior/Community Center. The Town Council still has some holiday decorations at the Senior/Community Center; however, the Council does not have a storage shed yet. They have had a person offer the use of their storage shed to store the remaining items; however, that storage shed is on private property. If the Council would authorize permission to store the holiday decorations in that shed, they will be able to clean the Senior/Community Center before returning it to the County.

It was the consensus of the Council to authorize the use of the storage, which is located on private property, shed to store holiday decorations in that shed; however, the lock must be changed to a County approved lock that belongs to the McGill Town Council with only the McGill Town Council having access to the keys.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that the McGill Revitalization Association is looking at holding their candy sale again this year. The MRA is planning a meeting to make their preparations for the Holiday Season. They need to discuss the annual food drive to give food to families in need. They are asking the McGill Volunteer Fire Department to drive around collecting food, and they will be collecting donations for the purchase of turkeys. If there are not enough turkey donations, they may need to approach the Town Council for assistance.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that Keith will return to work at the McGill Drug Store Museum at the end of the month. The Museum Board has requested the Town Council donate a box of facial masks to be placed at the front door of the Museum and be available to anyone who has forgotten their mask. She will deliver the box of masks before their re-opening.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any further comments from the public. There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.