

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on October 27, 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:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member/Acting Chairperson
Danielle Jensen, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Members:

Roxane Ballandby, Chairperson
Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk
Deputy Odgers, White Pine County Sheriff's Office
Colton Steiner
Misty Steiner
Raymond Maestes, Sr.
Taylor McDowell
Andrew McDowell
Kathryn Roman
Gerald Wyler
Lynette Wyler
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA
Matt Noriega, McGill Volunteer Fire Department
Brett North, White Pine County Fire Chief
Victoria Perea, McGill Volunteer Fire Department
Tanner Hegg, McGill Volunteer Fire Department
Jolynn W
Kristen Deshane
Tylor Deshane
Charlotte Goebel
Rita Perrault

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

NOTE: It was explained that the reason the October 20, 2020 meeting had to be cancelled was due to a computer glitch, and the Clerk's Office was not able to place the McGill agenda on the County Website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos called for comments from the audience. There was no comments at this time.

PURCHASE OF STORAGE SHED TO HOUSE BALL PARK EQUIPMENT:

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos explained that the McGill Town Council's budget is not sufficient enough due to Covid-19 budget cuts; therefore, there is no need to carry this matter on the agenda at this time.

SELECTION OF FIRE CHIEF FOR MCGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

WPC Fire Chief, Brett North, addressed the Council announcing that Tori Perea has been selected as the new McGill Volunteer Fire Chief.

REVIEW OF MCGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER AND/OR SELECTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREMEN:

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, Tori Perea, reported that McGill presently has 16 volunteer firemen. She will provide a list of the names to the Council at a later date.

PURCHASE OF STORAGE SHED TO BE LOCATED AT THE KINNEAR LIBRARY/TOWN HALL BUILDING:

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos explained that the McGill Town Council's budget is not sufficient enough due to Covid-19 budget cuts; therefore, there is no need to carry this matter on the agenda at this time.

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

The secretary reported that she had been informed by the Council Chairperson (before this meeting), there is a person who wishes to donate a plaque commemorating the fallen Highway Patrol Officer. This person will use a wooden plaque, carve the HP insignia and carve the fallen officers name. At a later date, this person would like to be considered to be hired to carve all the names of persons who McGill Town Council has planted a tree in memory of them in one of the McGill parks. The secretary explained that McGill Town Council began this tradition back in the early 1980's. Whenever a past Councilperson, or past employee, has passed, the Council would send correspondence of condolences, and later plant a tree in their memory.

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

DECORATING MCGILL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE KINNEAR LIBRARY/TOWN HALL BUILDING:

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos recalled that this matter had been brought up by Brenda Garcia in a previous meeting, when she asked if McGill residents could decorate the community Christmas tree this year. The Town Council has previously stated they are in favor of this project.

Council Member Maestes motioned to allow the community Christmas tree decoration project.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

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

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

It was noted that this item had been brought up when the Council applied for a grant to have a mural painted on one of McGill's buildings. They still need to decide where this mural will be.

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

PURCHASE OF FLAG/REPAIR OF FLAGPOLE LOCATED AT VETERANS FOUNTAIN PARK:

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos announced that the Town of McGill received an anonymous donation of a 5 X 8 US Flag. The McGill Volunteer Fire Department had previously discussed this and had indicated that they would be interested in hanging this Flag at the Veterans/Fountain Park located at the Circle. McGill Volunteer Fire Chief Tori Perea explained that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department will inspect the flagpole, and the area around it, and come up with a plan. They will also determine if their fire truck can reach that high.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Jensen motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated September 15, 2020.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Council Member Jensen abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Motion was carried by majority vote of the quorum present.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

It was noted for the record that two (2) vouchers were not able to be approved due to lack of quorum able to vote in the previous meeting, those were listed as follows:

Party Train Express	\$ 172.98
(Business thank you balloons)	
CAL Ranch Stores	\$ 43.90
(park operating supplies)	

Council Member Jensen motioned to approve the above listed bills for approval.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

The following bills were read into the record:

WPC Road Department (parks gasoline)	\$ 136.08
Bath Lumber (park supplies)	\$1,042.00
OPI (copy machine contract)	\$ 37.49
CAL Ranch Stores (park operating supplies)	\$ 44.29
Bradleys Bestway Market (cleaning supplies)	\$ 10.20
Bradleys Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 12.98
Tri County Weed Control District (Spraying of Noxious Weeds)	\$ 169.79
White Pine County Maintenance (garbage truck tires)	\$ 150.00

Council Member Maestes motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

No new nuisances were reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Price quotes from Carter Agri for mower/tractor
2. Letters to various mines soliciting donations.
3. Letter to BOCC supporting temporary closure of McGill Pool during Music Festival.
4. E-mail from County Maint. Regarding quotes to provide electric service to Ave K Park.
5. Water bills.
6. Letter to JW Electric listing lights out.
7. Memo to Public Works regarding nuisance blocking view.
8. Memo to Co. Maint regarding Basketball Hoop.
9. Corres to WPC Finance Director requesting Covid-19 supplies.
10. McGill-Ruth water charges for July, August, & September.
11. Secretary monthly report.
12. Memo to WPC Sheriff re: vicious animals.
13. E-mail from WPC Clerk re: web page problems and E-mail from IONOWeb re: web page problems.
14. Memo from County Maintenance re: basketball hoop and winterizing parks.
15. Additional Memo from County Maintenance re: suggested requirements for next year park maintenance.
16. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$30 for the sale of McGill History book.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No animals at large incidences were reported.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that the WP County Maintenance Department has turned off the water at the McGill parks for the season.

A person in the audience inquired how much was the water for the past month.

The secretary answered the bill was for \$4,237.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill Town Council has received their first quarter installment from the State of Nevada. The amount the Town received is \$23,034.48. She compared that amount to what had been received the previous year at over \$29,000. The McGill is about \$3,500 in the minus at this time.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, Tori Perea, reported that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department responded to 5 calls in town this past month. One of those calls was a house fire. McGill is looking at getting an ambulance back in Town as they now have sufficient volunteers trained to drive the vehicle. Also, there is one of the McGill Fire Trucks that is currently out for repairs.

Council Member Jensen informed the McGill Volunteer Fire Department that the McGill Neighborhood Watch would like to invite the McGill Volunteer Firemen to attend the next Neighborhood Watch meeting to conduct fire safety training.

The McGill Volunteer Fire Department personnel assured the Town Council they would be pleased to conduct the fire safety training at the next McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting, and hopefully, could have as many as 6 firemen available.

STREET LIGHTS:

It was reported that the street light at the corner of Avenue A and 3rd Street is out.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS: It was reported that the “No Parking” sign located on Avenue K in front of the McGill Volunteer Fire Station has been knocked down.

The Council directed their secretary to prepare the necessary correspondence.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported that the McGill Neighborhood Watch held self defense classes at their meeting which was held earlier in the month. There was 7 persons in attendance.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos reported there is no activity at this time; however, Santa is already making his plans to visit McGill again this year.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

CULTURAL CENTER/KINNEAR LIBRARY REPORT:

It was reported that the Volunteer Kinneare Library/Cultural Center held their grand opening this past week. They held an outdoor decoration contest and held several activities.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported that the McGill Revitalization Association is already making plans for Christmas and they will be working with the Youth Organization in scheduling Santa’s arrival.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos called for any further comments from the audience.

Lynette Wyler addressed the Council thanking them for the opportunity to address the McGill Town Council. She thanked Council Member Jensen for posting on Facebook that the McGill Town Council meeting had been cancelled the previous week. She stated that she does not wish to be misunderstood. On October 13th a WPC Deputy showed up at her home explaining that they had been contacted by the McGill Town Council about her soliciting donations for the McGill. She had previously met with a Council Chairperson to discuss some projects in McGill. She is sorry for offending, but she feels that the Council is being chicken s***. She originally attended a McGill meeting a few months back to talk about the slag ditch that runs through town. She also went to the County Commission meeting expressing her concerns. Apparently, her presence makes some of the Council nervous. She just wanted to be a good neighbor. She requested that the secretary place her comments accurately in the minutes.

Council Member/Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos called for further comments.
There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council the regular meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.