

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on April 20, 2021 at the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building located at #4 North Fourth (Main) Street at 7:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Joshua Miller, Chairman
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Vice-Chairperson
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Members:

Roxane Ballandby, Member
Danielle Jensen, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk
Raymond Maestes
Rudy Herndon, Shellraiser
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA
Adam Gudeberry
Cole Steiner
Kyler Steiner

Council Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Vice-Chairperson led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Miller called for comments from the audience.

Rudy Herndon, IOOF Hall/Shellraiser, addressed the Council reporting on his several projects in and around McGill. Explaining that his planned Music Festival has been postponed until June 2022. He has named the Music Festival the "Shellraiser Music Festival". He has been posting spots on various radio stations and he has been running full page ads in magazines promoting the Shellraiser Music Festival. He has employed the services of a security company to assist in keeping the event secure. He would like to use Avenue K for additional parking. And he is looking at utilizing shuttle services to carry visitors around.

The Council indicated that he was welcome to use Avenue K to help with parking during the Shellraiser event.

Rudy Herndon continued with his report. Explaining that he has purchased 80 acres of land north of McGill near Basset Lake. He has had the property surveyed, they have broken ground, they will have some tents, yurts, and RV spaces built. There will also be some parking areas. He has designed a Billboard showing the way to the Shellraiser Campground, and there will be sculptures at the entrance of the Shellraiser Campground. He will also be working on the road leading to the Shellraiser Campground.

Rudy Herndon reported that he is going forward on the McGill Theatre restoration project. The project has been delayed a little, but he soon will be bringing in a specialty masonry company to restore the brickwork and remove the graffiti from the outside of the building. He will soon be replacing the old Marque., as well

Rudy Herndon reported that he has experienced a few delays in his restoration project on the IOOF Hall. He is still planning a coffee shop, and he will be having a shade structure on the north side of the building built, so people can sit outside and enjoy their coffee.

The Council thanked him for keeping the McGill Town Council updated on his activities. Noting that the McGill Town Council will offer their assistance in helping him with his projects.

INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF PARKS MAINTENANCE AND/OR SELECTION OF NEW PARKS MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE:

It was noted for the record that there had been 3 applications received; however, no applicants appeared for the interviews.

The secretary reported that the JOIN office had someone who was interested in working in the McGill parks; however, she opted out at the last minute. She did receive a phone call from WPC HR that someone had contacted their office just before the meeting.

The Council authorized Council Member Maestes to interview the applicant; if she feels he would be a suitable employee, then she would be authorized to hire him.

This item was carried if the position is not filled.

APPROVAL OF MCGILL'S UPDATED PARKS JOB DESCRIPTION:

It was explained that Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos and Council Member Maestes had provided a draft updated job description for the parks employee to the White Pine County Human Resource Office. Mr. Bunch made a few revisions and returned the new job description for the Town Council's approval.

Council Vice-Chairman Angelopoulos motioned to approve the updated McGill Parks Job Description. Council Member Maestes seconded the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

RE-ESTABLISHING A PARKS INVENTORY:

Council Member Maestes reported that she and Council Vice-Chairperson; along with the new parks manager have worked on the inventory of the park equipment. The secretary requested a copy of the inventory for her files.

WHITE PINE LITTLE LEAGUE – USE OF MCGILL BALL PARK:

Adam Gudeberry addressed the Council thanking everybody for letting the White Pine Little League use the newly renovated Ball Park. He provided everyone with a copy of their practice and event calendar. They will pay rent for using this facility during the summer months.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos noted that the White Pine High School has also requested to use the McGill Ball Park for some of their games.

Adam Gudeberry assured the Council that the Little League will work around their schedule.

STATUS REPORT ON COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN & GRANT FOR SECURITY CAMERAS:

The Council reviewed the draft grant application.

The secretary explained that a draft application is for the purchase of security cameras to be placed on the Grade School Gym, on top of the Volunteer Fire Station, and in the Town Hall. A copy of the grant application was provided to the Sheriff. Sheriff Henriod indicated that he is in full support of the project and he also offered to provide a written letter of support. Deadline for submitting the grant application is June 1st.

Council Chairman Miller noted that Council Member Ballandby was not in attendance of this meeting, he would like her input before the grant is submitted.

The Council directed the secretary to carry this matter on the agenda; however, if Council Member Ballandby feels this grant application is alright, then she would be authorized to submit it earlier.

PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE SHED TO HOUSE PARK MOWER:

Council Member Maestes reported that Robinson Mine is offering to purchase a storage shed to be placed behind the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building. The storage shed will be for the Town Council and for Library storage.

It was noted that McGill still needs a shed, or garage, for the new mower/tractor. There is a need for a shed, or garage, that is large enough for a workbench and an area when the parks employee to clean the mower and other equipment. Possibly contact JCR Construction to provide a bid for building a garage and work area. Possibly work with County Maintenance to see if they have any ideas on the subject.

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

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Council Chairman Miller reported that the secretary has provided him with a list of names that trees were planted in someone's memory. He has forwarded that list on to his contact person so he could obtain a cost estimate.

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

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

It was noted that the new Pony Express Gas Station would be an excellent place to have a mural painted on the north side of the building. The Council will be able to discuss this further with the new owner during the Grand Opening on May 1st.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was noted for the record that because Council Chairman Miller was not present at the last Council Meeting, so there will not be a quorum present to approve the minutes. It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the public:

OPI	\$35.05
(Copy machine contract)	
Bath Lumber	\$422.27
(stocking of bathroom at Ball Park)	

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to approve the bills as read.
Council Chairman Miller seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

The following nuisances were reported:

- ✓ #6 Sixth Street – trailer full of trash that has not been hauled to the landfill.
- ✓ # 10 Main Street – 3 vehicles that are not licensed.
- ✓ #10 Avenue A – house with a door open, several unlicensed vehicles, and TV outside.
- ✓ Duplex on # 1 and #3 North Fourth (Main) Street – someone moved and left furniture out front.
- ✓ #32 Fourth (Main) Street – old yellow truck with no license plate.

The Council directed the secretary to follow up with a Memo to the Sheriff.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Letter from White Pine Little League soliciting donations.
2. Amended Position Description for parks.
3. Letter from White Pine High School requesting use of the McGill Ball Park for practice.
4. Photos for McGill Business District listing possible locations for murals to be painted.
5. Deposit in the amount of \$132. from Cultural Center in lieu of rent.
6. McGill Ruth Water agenda.
7. JOIN flyers with a few flyers giving overview of JOIN services.
8. New White Pine County signs.
9. Letter to Grants Office thanking for services and application for SNPLMA grant.
10. Letter to City of Ely Animal Control thanking him for his service in McGill.
11. Letter of support to Rudy Herndon supporting Shellraiser event in McGill.
12. Letter announcing AVTT Vietnam Traveling Wall.
13. Letter to Mt. Wheeler Power listing second third of LED street light converted.
14. E-mail from Jeff Collins, NDEP explaining core sampling project.
15. E-mail from Chairman explaining Memorial Plaques.
16. Memo to WPC Finance Director requesting transfer of funds and purchase order request.
17. Park Maintenance Position Announcement.
18. Memo to WPC Maintenance re: new mower/tractor.
19. Eastern Nevada Cornhole Championships flyer.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

It was reported that there is a Blue Heeler running at large on Avenue B.

The Council directed the secretary to notify Animal Control.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

It was reported that inventory of the park equipment has been completed. All tools have been marked. The bathrooms at the Ball Park have been cleaned, stocked, and ready for ball players to use.

It was reported that the chain saw is missing, drill is missing, edger is missing. Some of these tools were on loan from the County Maintenance; if they are not located, there will be a need for a police report to be completed. Also, McGill's dump trailer had been missing for about 3 months, when it reappeared, the bearings were shot and needed to be replaced, and the spare tire is missing. It will be necessary to purchase a lock for the dump trailer.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill received their third quarter taxes from the State of Nevada in the amount of \$24,995.00. This is more than was anticipated; however, McGill is still close to \$22,000 short this year.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

It was noted there were not any firemen in attendance to give a report.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the White Pine Fire District asking for permission to attach some sheet metal in the front of the Fire Station so McGill could have a mural painted on it. Also, inform them that McGill has applied for a camera grant to place a high definition camera on the top of the McGill Volunteer Fire Station.

STREET LIGHTS:

The following lights were reported as being out:

Avenue D and Smelter – light is out for a few months.

Across from #13 Sixth Street – new LED light is not working.

It was noted that McGill Town Council has a contract with JW Electric to repair street lights; however, the policy is to have 5 street lights out before they travel to McGill to make repairs.

STREETS AND STREET SIGNS:

It was report that the Yield Sign at the corner of Mill Street and Avenue B has been pulled out of the ground.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the memo to County Road Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported that there was not a Neighborhood Watch meeting held this month due to conflicting schedules. It is planned to schedule a meeting for this Wednesday.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

It was reported that the Easter Bunny arrived in McGill on schedule. Ms. Bunny was escorted by a McGill resident, and they both made the front page of The Ely Times.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Representative, addressed the Council reporting that the Pony Express Service Mart will be officially opening their doors for business again, on May 1, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M. They will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs.

It was noted that the McGill Town Council will be on hand for the "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony". The Council directed the secretary to invite Kyle Horvath to the Grand Opening Ceremony to answer questions about the mural.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

It was reported that the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center held a book sale a few weekends ago. They made approximately \$80.00.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported that the MRA will be scheduling their annual community yard sale in June. This year they will hold the Yard Sale with the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center. They will set the date for the sale at a later date.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Miller called for any further comments from the audience.

It was reported that the Bayside Church came to McGill and cleaned all around Main Street and the Swimming Pool area.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare a thank you letter to the Bayside Church.

Raymond Maestes noted that he would like to have a chain strung across the parking lot area above the McGill Ball Park barring access to avoid the 4-wheelers having access. Noting that it is distracting to watch a Ball game when kids are driving their off road vehicles.

He also noted that the gate that gives access to the propane tank has been left open.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the Grade School to let them know about this.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.