

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on December 18, 2018 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:

Andy McVicars, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Ernie Rivera, Member
Vacant Seat

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Ricky Garcia, Jr., McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Tim Regan, WPC Fire Chief
Carl Gregory, WPC Emergency Management Director
Theresa Braun
Stacy Laird, Bus Rep, MRA
Chris Maestes
Raymond Maestes
Sadie Goff
Sadie McVicars

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for any comments.

Theresa Braun addressed the Council explaining that she is with one of McGill's local churches. She would like to start a Bingo night once each month. People would bring prizes, they would charge \$1 per card, any funds they generate would go toward the purchase of prizes and/or go back into the community. She would like to use the McGill Community/Senior Center for this activity. She is also asking if the Town Council would waive the usual \$10 per hour rental fee because they are a non profit organization.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to allow her to use the McGill Community/Senior Center for Bingo one night a month. She would need to write the date of the activity on the calendar to avoid any double booking. She would also need to check out the key from the secretary the day before the Bingo night, and return the key the next day.

Theresa Braun thanked the McGill Town Council.

Carl Gregory, WPC Emergency Management Director, introduced himself as the new Emergency Management Director, offering himself for any assistance the McGill Town Council may need.

Tim Regan, WPC Fire Chief, introduced himself, explaining that he was recently hired as the new WPC Fire Chief. He has already met the McGill Volunteer Chief, and hopes to have a great working relationship with McGill.

PURCHASE OF TRUCK (NEW OR USED) FOR MCGILL PARKS DEPARTMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he had gone out to the White Pine County Road Department and inspected the pick-up truck that the Public Works Director had offered to sell to the McGill Town Council. He feels this truck is in good shape, it has a fuel tank in the back, and a tool box in the back. He would like the other Council Members to inspect the truck and/or consider the purchase. Trade in value for Truck # P-10 was set at \$1,177.00.

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to authorize the purchase of the used White Pine County Road Department Truck Number P-10.

Council Member Rivera seconded the motion.

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

SUPPORT PUBLIC LANDS SALE AND/OR LISTING, IN PRIORITY ORDER, LANDS IN AND AROUND MCGILL THAT ARE BEING PLACED UP FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION:

The secretary showed on the map hanging on the Council Meeting Chambers wall the location of the four (4) parcels of land that White Pine County is considering placing up for public auction. Noting that the correspondence asked the McGill Town Council to provide the BOCC with their opinion/suggestions/priorities. She showed the old boundaries of McGill and the boundaries after the annexation in 2008. Explaining that everything south of McGill (known as Smeltonville) leading up to the Club 50 has a plat map on record in the Records Office showing lots, blocks, roads, house numbers, etc. The land north of McGill from the old boundaries (known as Ragtown) leading up to Mary Fields Ranch. This is zoned open range she believes. The land above McGill leading half way up the mountain is Steptoe City, she does not know if there is a plat map for that section. Two of the parcels of land are right next to Lyman's Wrecking Yard, they are both within the boundaries of McGill; and the other two parcels are outside the boundaries of McGill, they are larger, and are located across the highway just past the Basset Lake Road.

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to select both parcels that are within the boundaries of McGill Town as the first priority for land to be placed up for public auction. The two remaining parcels are outside the boundaries of McGill and are outside McGill Town Council's jurisdiction, so those 2 parcels are placed as second priorities.

Council Member Rivera seconded the motion.

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

INSTALLATION OF RESTROOM AND SHOWER IN MCGILL EMT/FIRE STATION:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia noted that quotes will have to be obtained for connecting restrooms at the EMT/Fire Station.

White Pine Fire District Chief Regan explained that tying into the sewer & water at the Kinnear Library Building will work. They will work with Basin Engineering to obtain the price quote. The WP Fire District is committed to getting this project done for the McGill Volunteer Fire Department. They will put in a hot water heater, so the volunteers can wash their hands.

White Pine Fire District Chief Regan referred to the old 1945 ambulance that has been stored at the back of the County Road Department. The Road Department is able to make repairs, but he would like his department to undertake the project of restoring this old ambulance. They could place the 1945 ambulance at the headquarters on the McGill Highway and work on it when they had time. He would like to know how McGill came to purchase this 1945 ambulance.

The secretary explained that, at one time, McGill had over 20 EMTs and was operated under their own association, those EMTs all chipped in to make the purchase in the amount of \$500. They wanted it to be used for display, shows, and parades. Once they purchased it, they gave it to the McGill Town Council so it could be restored.

Council Chairman McVicars stated that NDF Honor Camp could also help restore this ambulance, as it would be a good project to work on.

The Council directed the secretary to place the restoration of the 1945 ambulance on the list of items to be discussed at the budget workshop.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM WPC CLERK FOR ANNUAL SELF-EVALUATION FROM MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL:

It was noted that the secretary had drafted a self-evaluation.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda to allow time for the Council Members to study and/or make revisions.

PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL STOP/YIELD AND SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS IN MCGILL:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he has spoken with the Road Department about the signs. He would like to know how the project is going.

It was recalled that the officer in attendance at the previous meeting, Deputy Rivera, III, had offered to take the map back to the Sheriff's Office to seek input from other officers.

Raymond Maestes addressed the Council explaining that he has just about all the areas marked on the map that had been provided to him. He should have this ready in time for the next meeting.

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

STRATEGY IN SOLICITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MCGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR THE MCGILL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMTs):

McGill Fire Chief Garcia reported that he has had 2 persons who have expressed an interest in joining the McGill Volunteer Fire Department. They are currently looking for suitable homes in McGill.

PURCHASE OF A SECOND LAWN MOWER FOR THE MCGILL PARKS:

Council Chairman McVicars noted that McGill's existing lawn mower is working well. He does not feel the Council needs to rush into anything. He would like to have this matter carried on the agenda again.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated November 20, 2018.

Council Member Rivera seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Secretary monthly report., and addendum to Secretary monthly report.
2. Deposit in the amount of \$132.00 from Kinnear Library/Cultural Center for rent.
3. E-mail from Veterans Initiative regarding DAV business inquiries.
4. Memo to WPC Finance Director regarding transfer of funds.
5. Corres from WPC Clerk regarding public lands auction for lands in and around McGill.
6. Letter from WPC Clerk requesting annual self-evaluation.
7. Letter to Mt. Wheeler Power thanking them for gifting electrical power to light Christmas decorations.
8. E-mail from WPC Public Works Director regarding moving of parks truck.
9. Letter to Suburban Propane requesting removal of propane tank.
10. Deposit in the amount of \$50.00 for rental of center.
11. Letter to WPC Fire District regarding Fire Station restrooms.
12. Notice soliciting volunteer firemen.
13. McGill Neighborhood Watch Report.
14. McGill Neighborhood Watch TIP OF THE MONTH.
15. Draft McGill self-evaluation for 2018.
16. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water District agenda.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bradleys Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch/Santa candy)	\$148.79
White Pine County Road Department (gasoline for parks/transfer of vehicle)	\$ 84.51
OPI (monthly copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99
Bradleys Bestway Market (cleaning supplies)	\$ 6.49
JW Electric (repair of street lights)	\$ 845.00
Bath Lumber (parks operating)	\$230.70
Bradleys Bestway Market (turkeys for food drive)	\$198.71

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the bills, with the exception of the bill from JW Electric. Motion is to include correspondence to JW Electric requesting a detailed list of what lights that are included in the billing.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported that there is a dog residing at #15 Second Street who barks constantly, and a St. Bernard dog residing at the south side of the Ball Park who is knocking over and scattering everyone's trash.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the Animal Control Officer notifying him of this problem, and ask if he can watch for the problem areas when he is patrolling.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

See nuisance abatement.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

McGill Greens Keeper Ballandby reported that he has been continuing working on the gopher problem, he has fixed the Ball Park large gates and locked them. His last day of seasonal employment is 12/21.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the personnel action form, and note that he will be returning next spring.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is currently 42% into their budget year, with 24% of the revenues coming in. They are currently 36% spent. She would note that she has already sent the memo requesting transfer of funds to correct the over expended line items, but that was before this spreadsheet had been updated. She has spoken with the White Pine County Finance Director and she would like to set the Budget Workshop for either the end of January or the beginning of February.

The Council directed the secretary to request to hold the Budget Workshop for the first week in February.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia noted that he had reported the possible 2 new members under the previous agenda item. The McGill Volunteer Fire Department has not been very busy this past month, so all is well. He would like to report that there are many vehicles parked on South Fifth Street. Those vehicles are blocking emergency vehicle access.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the Sheriff asking that the next time officers are patrolling in McGill, that they view South Fifth Street, if they feel the vehicles are blocking emergency access, then request that the people changing their parking to a safer location.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported the following lights: Noting that she does not know what lights that have already been fixed because the invoice did not detail their billing.

- ✓ #2 and Avenue J light blinks on and off
- ✓ #2 and Avenue K the light is out
- ✓ Corner of Fourth and Avenue K the light is out
- ✓ Corner of Fourth by the Frosty Stand the light is out
- ✓ First and Avenue C the light is out

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Rivera offered to drive around McGill inspecting the streets and street signs.

The Council requested the secretary prepare correspondence to Mr. Ed and have it ready for all the Council Members to sign at the next meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there were only 7 persons at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They are hoping to recruit more members and that have started posting the McGill Neighborhood Watch "TIP OF THE MONTH" again.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that Santa Claus appeared at the McGill Community/Senior Center just after the parade. The Ely Times has requested pictures of McGill's parade, so they will be sending them.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

McGill Business Rep., Stacy Laird, reported that the Old Bank Building sold last week. The new owner is looking to make the building into a multi-use facility and Coffee Shop. She would also like to report that the IOOF Hall sold last week. And the Old Conolos Furniture Store also sold last week.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

Stacy Laird reported that the McGill Cultural Center/Kinnear Library will start holding activities one Saturday a month.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported that the MRA held their annual cookie and candy sale. They assisted with the parade. They helped with the food drive and helped deliver the food baskets to families in need. In addition helping families in hard times, they gave out some gifts, and let the Sheriff's Office know where they could hand out Toys For Tots.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

No report given.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

It was reported that volunteers are still manning the McGill Drug Store Museum on the weekends.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that former County Commissioner Lampros would like to assist the MRA in cleaning the Old Standard Market Building.

Raymond Maestes noted the heavy truck traffic traveling through McGill.

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he has spoken with the Highway Patrol and they have stationed an officer during the morning and evenings.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby noted that she has seen them stationed in McGill at midnight when she is coming home from work.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.